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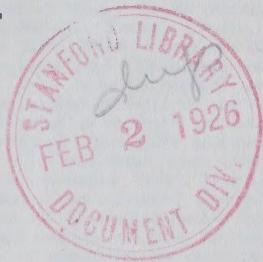
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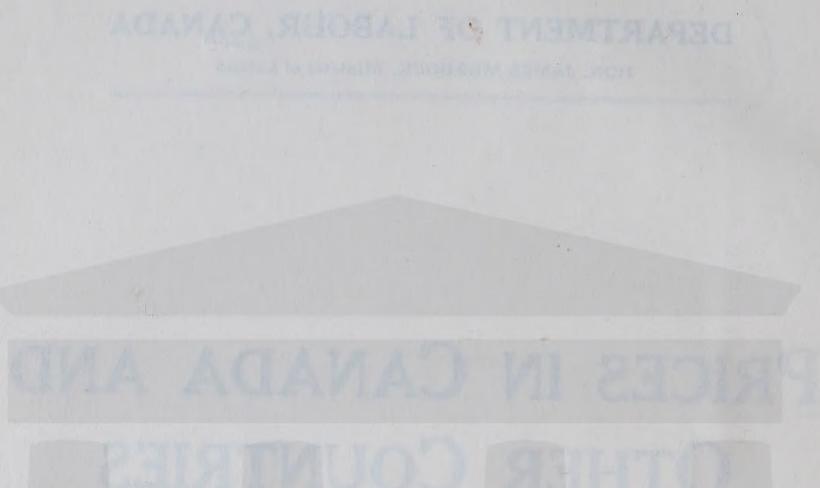


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PRICES IN CANADA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES DURING 1924

THE general tendency of prices in the principal countries of Europe and America reflected various political events and economic conditions of the year, particularly the elections in Great Britain and in the United States, the adoption of the Dawes plan for the payment of reparations from Germany, and the crop conditions throughout the world. Conditions in Central Europe, at the end of the year were generally regarded as in a state of economic recovery.

Since 1918 currencies of various European countries depreciated extremely, resulting in very great increases in prices of the necessities of life. During the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 much progress was made in stabilizing certain of these currencies on a gold basis or on a relatively stable basis. In Austria the value of the "krone" was fixed at .01 per cent of the pre-war gold basis in September, 1922, when the League of Nations arranged a system of foreign credits for Austria. A similar rate was fixed later for Hungary. In Poland, in April, 1924, the depreciated Polish paper "mark" was replaced by the gold "zloty." In Germany the "Rentenmark" as a unit of currency was fixed in relation to gold at the end of 1923 and kept stable until November, 1924, when the currency was put on a gold basis with the "Reichsmark," of the same parity value as the pre-war "mark."

In all of these countries the effect of such action was to stabilize prices which formerly had been rising steeply. This relative stability was shared in other countries where reforms of the currency were undertaken, including Czecho-Slovakia, Finland, Jugo-Slavia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

With reference to prices in Great Britain and the United States the following is quoted from the *Economist* (London) December 6, 1924:—

It has been a matter of surprise to many people in Great Britain that low money rates in the United States had not hitherto had the effect of raising prices. The cause of the surprise is now vanishing. Commodity prices in America are set for a rise. The upward movement has been started by a rise in wheat prices, caused by short harvests in many countries; it is being stimulated by the trade expansion which has followed the Republican victory in the Presidential campaign. . . . These influences, together with the fact that industry has for a long time been running on the basis of very low stocks, mean an expansion this winter, and with it must come a general rise in commodity prices. This rise might go a considerable distance without being checked, for the tariff is a barrier which has not yet had its full protective effect, while the monetary situation is such that considerable expansion can be financed

without producing stringency. Some phases of this price advance—wheat, of course, is an example—are already communicating themselves to British prices, but the upward movement in Great Britain is not so likely to be a general one. For in the latter country another set of factors is keeping down such items, for example, as coal and steel, and the wage level is less likely to become generally affected. It is, therefore, on the whole, probable that the margin between British and American prices—or, to put it the other way round, the difference in the value of money in the two countries—will narrow very soon.

With reference to the course of cost of living in the principal countries, the following is taken from the *International Labour Review* for December, 1924:—

The cost-of-living index numbers for the last three or four months for certain European countries show a distinct rise. This is the case in Austria, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Great Britain, the Irish Free State, Norway, Poland, and Sweden. In Italy also an increase is shown by the latest index. In most of these countries the increase has been due mainly to a rise in the price of food commodities or of food and clothing, but in Poland there have been increases in all the groups of items entering into the cost of living. In the Netherlands, Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, Finland, Canada, the United States, Egypt, India, South Africa, and New Zealand, recent figures show slight fluctuations only in the cost of living, there being no definite movement.

In a number of countries the increase in the cost of living and in particular the increase in food prices has attracted considerable attention and the governments have considered what action to take with a view to preventing further increases. In France the Government has submitted proposals designed to prevent as far as possible further rises, and among the measures proposed are those for restricting the harmful effects of speculation in connection with articles of prime necessity. In Belgium vigorous protests have been made both in the press and by the consuming public against the rise in the cost of living and the Government is undertaking a series of measures with the object of preventing a further rise. These include the improvement of the national finances, the reduction of the number of intermediaries, and the creation of co-operative societies. In addition the Government proposes to create a Commission with a view to increasing production and improving facilities for foreign trade. It is also proposed to constitute a permanent committee to suggest measures against the rise in the cost of living. In Italy, amongst other steps there has been a movement to prevent the harmful effects of speculation on the cost of living and to increase facilities for the exchange of goods. In Great Britain a Royal Commission has been appointed to deal with the problem of food prices and in particular to enquire into the possibilities of reducing the difference between the cost of production of various commodities and the prices paid by the consumer.

The trend of wholesale prices and the cost of living in the year 1924 is shown for some of the principal countries in the accompanying tables by groups. The figures for previous years are shown at intervals of six months, and for the year under review by months, complete to the latest period for which information was available.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(Base figure 100)

Country	Canada						Great Britain				
	Authority	Labour Dept. (e)	Dom. Bureau of Statistics	Michell	Bank of Commerce		U. S. Fed. Res. Board	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	U. S. Fed. Res. Board
No. of Commodities	271 (b)	238	40	24 Exports	24 Imports	,70	150	44	45	60	65-70
Base Period	1890-1899	1913	1900-1909	1909-1913	1909-1913	1913	1913	1901-05	1867-77	1913	1913
			(h)				(j)	(k)	(k)	(k)	
1900.....	103.2							110.5	75		
1905.....	113.8							103.3	72		
1910.....	124.2			97.02	100.38			113.3	78		
1913.....	135.5	100		102.77	107.81	100	100	122.3	85	100	100
1914-Jan.....	136.5			103.96	99.05			119.0	83.5		
July.....	134.6			105.86	97.18			116.6	82.4		
1915-Jan.....	138.9			109.90	101.29			136.5	96.4		
July.....	150.2			115.41	114.77			149.1	106.4		
1916-Jan.....	172.1			123.75	128.07			174.5	123.6		
July.....	180.9			131.52	141.26			191.1	130.5		
1917-Jan.....	212.7			162.40	166.07			225.1	159.3		
July.....	248.7			187.26	210.52			254.4	176.9		
1918-Jan.....	258.1			199.13	202.98			262.9	186.2		
July.....	284.0			207.16	221.14			278.5	193.1		
1919-Jan.....	286.5	205.3	223.2	188.91	217.54	196		265.9	190.7		227
July.....	294.0	202.3	245.7	222.14	221.08	207		293.2	206.4		242
1920-Jan.....	338.4	232.8	265.1	239.98	233.23	239	296.6	353.1	245.3	330.4	305
July.....	348.8	256.1	269.4	270.12	271.96	274	316.9	358.0	254.6	332.8	326
1921-Jan.....	281.3	201.7	214.2	199.02	186.69	199	245.9	255.3	197.2	228.9	244
July.....	238.6	163.4	174.3	158.47	150.25	163	194.1	218.1	158.2	186.5	196
1922-Jan.....	227.7	149.8	165.2	147.17	147.88	144	164.0	194.7	132.5	158.6	170
July.....	225.3	151.8	165.3	154.23	161.68	154	160.3	199.8	134.0	158.8	171
1923-Jan.....	223.0	150.9	171.9	151.97	165.29	148	157.0	196.5	130.2	159.7	165
April.....	227.4	156.3	176.2	152.57	167.05	156	162.0	201.8	134.0	164.8	175
July.....	224.7	153.6	176.4	154.77	166.57	151	156.5	190.1	124.8	155.6	168
Oct.....	221.2	153.1	174.2	152.07	163.81	147	158.1	196.4	127.7	161.1	166
1924-Jan.....	222.7	156.7	178.3	149.81	165.29	146	165.4	211.9	137.2	173.8	178
Feb.....	224.9	156.6	180.1	151.19	165.92	148	167.0	212.2	138.8	172.5	180
Mar.....	224.5	154.3	176.9	150.30	166.04	147	165.4	210.9	137.0	169.0	180
April.....	223.7	151.1	173.9	145.82	163.87	143	164.7	210.8	136.8	165.0	181
May.....	220.7	150.6	173.8	146.69	161.61	143	163.7	205.8	136.4	165.3	177
June.....	221.5	152.2	172.0	147.38	158.97	145	162.6	205.9	136.3	164.7	174
July.....	221.6	153.3	175.6	145.98	161.17	147	162.6	211.7	138.4	167.5	174
Aug.....	223.2	158.1	175.5	150.04	163.49	149	165.2	210.3	138.0	169.1	173
Sept.....	221.7	153.8	172.9	147.82	160.53	146	166.9	214.9	141.3	173.4	172
Oct.....	223.0	157.0	174.0	150.69	161.74	148	170.0	220.3	146.1	176.8	175
Nov.....	223.4	157.7	175.1	151.56	163.65	148	169.8	219.7	145.5	177.1	176
Dec.....	228.0	160.9	177.2	155.89	164.20	149	170.1	220.7	145.5	177.1	177

Great Britain

In Great Britain, according to the Board of Trade, prices showed a decline until August followed by a sharp upward movement. Foods declined to reach their lowest level in May and rose to a high peak in October. Materials were at their lowest level in July and rose slowly but steadily thereafter. Of foods, cereals and the "other foods" group declined in November while meat and fish rose sharply. Iron and steel declined steadily throughout the year, and other metals and minerals declined from a peak reached in March. Cotton fluctuated considerably throughout the period reaching a low level in September and rising the following months. Other textiles rose quite steadily to a high point in November. Miscellaneous goods did not show much variation in price.

In the cost of living, according to the Ministry of Labour, the most noteworthy change was in food prices, which after having fallen considerably during the first half of the year, rose twenty points or 12½ per cent from June to December. Fuel and light showed a slight upward fluctuation in the summer, and clothing rose slightly during the year. Rent and sundries showed no change.

France

In France, according to the Federal Reserve Board of the United States, prices fluctuated violently during the year owing to movements of exchange. The general index rose steeply until March and fell 12 per cent in April, but at the same time prices reduced to a gold basis were advancing rapidly. From May until the end of the year the "all commodities"

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 except where noted)

Belgium	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany		
Ministry Ind. and Labour	Director General of Statistics	Central Bur. of Statistics	Finans-tidende	Board of Customs	Statistique Générale	U.S. Fed. Res. Board	Federal Statistical Office	Frankfurter Zeitung
130	—	126	33	Imports | Exports	45	70	38	98
April, 1914	1913	July 1914	July 1, 1912 June 30, 1914	Eight mos., 1913	July, 1914	1913	1913	1914
			(g)		(h)		(j)	(g)
				100	100	100	100	100
	100 (b)121	100	134			100	(b)106	(b) 100
	(b)185		149				(b)142	
	(c)268		208				(b)153	
	(c)307		284				(b)179	
	(c)330		292				(b)217	
	1739		340				262	
	1947		383				339	
	2392		341	1475	1626	447	1259	1965
(d)347	1721	1675	253	1311	1285	334	1428	
366	2172	1675	178	1083	1364	520	1366	4217
360	2489	1464	180	1124	1215	320	3665	
434	2657	1003	181	940	1294	332	328	9102
480	2757	1031	200	935	1220	395	346	205417
504	2408	968	207	939	1157	423	390	521160
515	2233	973	205	917	1152	415	7478700	642500
580	2711	990	210	899	1157	429	404	3989800
642	2658	1029	223	921	1148	505	445	2130
625	2612	1036	227	934	1150	555	469	117-3 (l)
555	2798	1022	228	939	1127	510	483	147,200*
557	2551	1015	225	950	1111	459	428	120-7
565	2811	981	219	947	1105	468	428	151,780*
566	2737	965	220	941	1102	475	442	122-5
547	2853	997	233	943	1105	491	440	151,900*
550	2848	997	231	947	1104	487	442	115-0
555	.....	1008	234	.....	1104	496	436	120-4
569	.....	1020	231	.....	1104	507	442	126-9
			232	.....	1104	449	442	131-2
				.....	1104	451	449	128-5

index on paper currency basis varied only slightly. According to Statistique Générale, foods were at their high peak for the year in February; they declined rapidly to a low level in April and thereafter rose steadily to a point about 5 per cent higher in October. The rise in materials for the same period was about 14 per cent.

The index number of cost of living, Paris, was practically stationary during the first three quarters of the year. The clothing group showed the greatest rise. Heat and light also rose; food declined and rent and sundries did not change.

Germany

In Germany the currency was maintained on a stable basis throughout the year, and

the index numbers of the Federal Statistical Office were calculated on a gold basis. Prices rose and fell again during the first half of the year, and then rose 14 per cent between July and October. Prices of goods produced and goods imported ended the year at about the same levels at which they were found at the end of 1923, with goods imported nearly 47 per cent higher with relation to the 1913 level. The position during the year was that by May goods imported had risen in price much more steeply than goods produced; the former fell, however, to their lowest level in September, while goods produced were rising and when the former rose again goods produced fell. Foods rose considerably towards the end of the year. Industrial materials were on the whole much lower in price at the close of the year than at the beginning

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(Base figure 100)

Country	Netherlands	Italy		Norway	Poland	Spain	Sweden		Switzerland	Egypt	South Africa
Authority	Central Bureau Statistics	Bachi (k)	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Okonomisk Revue	Commerce Reports	Dir. Gen. of Statistics	Goteborgs Handels Tidning	Commerce Dept.	Dr. Lorenz	Dept. of Statistics	Census and Statistics Office
No. of Commodities	48	100	125	98	58	74	47	160	71	23	188
Base Period	1913	1913	1913	1913	Jan. 1914=1	1913	July 1, 1913-June 30, 1914	1913	July 1914	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31, 1914	1910=1000
		(j)					(c)				
1900.....											
1905.....											
1910.....											1000
1913.....	100	100	100	100		100		100			1125
1914—Jan.		102			1						
July.....	(b) 109	93				(b) 101			100		(b) 1090
1915—Jan.		105			(c) 115						
July.....	(b) 146	131				(b) 119	(b) 145				(b) 1204
1916—Jan.		184			(c) 159						
July.....	(b) 226	193				(b) 141	(b) 185				(b) 1379
1917—Jan.		230			(c) 233						
July.....	(b) 276	304				(b) 166	(b) 244				(b) 1583
1918—Jan.		363			(c) 341						
July.....	(b) 373	429				(b) 207	(b) 339				(b) 1723
1919—Jan.		326			339						
July.....	(b) 304	362			(c) 314						(b) 1854
1920—Jan.		507			333						
July.....	292	604			409						
1921—Jan.		642			344						
July.....	182	520	466.05	300		219	267	274	238.0	214	2064
1922—Jan.	163	577	549.94	260	592	180	170	181	175.6	164	1688
July.....	164	558	524.54	232	1,016	174	165	173	161.3	169	1472
1923—Jan.	157	575	523.52	220	5,447	170	156	163	175.0	141	1423
April.....	156	588	549.63	231	10,589	174	159	168	186.0	133	1420
July.....	145	566	538.65	235	30,699	170	157	162	179.0	123	1395
Oct.....	148	563	523.79	237	273,884	171	153	161	181.1	129	1410
1924—Jan.	156	571	543.09	250	2,521,677	178	152	161	183.2	133	1478
Feb.....	158	573	543.11	260	2,484,296	180	153	162	183.4	135	
Mar.....	155	579	549.34	266	2,452,780	180	154	162	180.4	136	
April.....	154	579	550.54	267	2,423,220	184	156	161	182	134	1420
May.....	153	571	546.55	263	(L) 104.0	179	151	160	181	135	
June.....	151	566	536.71	264	100.6	179	149	158	178	131	
July.....	151	567	548.88	271	102.3	182	148	157	173	132	1404
Aug.....	151	572	546.05	274	109.2	182	152	160	171	143	
Sept.....	158	580	546.97	275	112	184	153	163	170	148	
Oct.....	161	602	563.19	276	116	186	162	167	169	156	
Nov.....					117	181	162		169		
Dec.....											

(a) Quarter beginning in specified month. (b) Average for year. (c) Figure for previous month. (d) Following month-month. (j) Monthly average. (k) New index number is joined to old index number (38 commodities) and all converted hereafter on the base 100. † In millions. * In milliards.

The cost of living in Germany after having remained fairly stable during the year rose sharply in October owing to a rise in the retail price of food. Heat and light declined towards the end of the year and clothing after falling in price in the summer turned upward. Rentals influenced by laws repealing former restrictions on rentals rose from 29 per cent of their pre-war cost in January to 74 per cent in November.

United States

In the United States, according to the Bureau of Labour Statistics, prices of farm products fell for the first half of the year and thereafter rose to their highest level reached since the end of 1920. In the case of the fuel

and lighting, metals, and building materials groups, the price movement was almost without exception downward throughout the year with a slight upward turn at the close of the year. Other groups showed a less marked tendency to fall during the first half of the year and rise during the second.

The cost of living index numbers of the Bureau of Labour Statistics and the National Industrial Conference Board showed that retail food prices fell until May and rose in the autumn to the level of the beginning of the year. Rent was considerably higher in October than at the beginning of the year but slightly lower than in July and August. Clothing prices reached a low level in July, but later rose rapidly. Fuel and light showed a general

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India		China	Japan		Australia		New Zealand	United States						
Dept. of Statistics, Calcutta	Labour Office, Bombay	Bureau of Markets, Shanghai	Bank of Japan	U.S. Fed. Res. Board	Commonwealth Statistician	N.S.W. Statistician	Government Statistician	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Federal Reserve Board	Brad-street	Dun	Gibson	Annalist	
75	43	—	56	62	92	100	—	404	104	106	200	22 foods	25 foods	
July, 1914	July, 1914	Feb., 1913	Oct., 1899	1913	1911=1000	1911=1000	1909-1913=1000	1913	1913	—	—	—	1890-1899	
(i)			(j)		(k)			(j)	(j)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(e)	
					910					\$ 7.8839	\$ 93.355	44.2	99.388	
					1003					8.0987	99.315	47.3	110.652	
					1088					8.9881	121.301	59.3	137.172	
			(b) 132.2	100	1051			100	100	9.2076	118.576	58.1	139.980	
100	100		(b) 126.3		984					8.6566	119.708	58.9	144.879	
			(a) 1085		(a) 1045	98				9.1431	124.168	64.7	150.95	
			(a) 1185		(a) 1073	97				9.8698	124.958	64.4	147.29	
			(a) 1387		(a) 1221	98				10.9163	137.666	65.6	153.68	
(b) 112			(b) 127.8		(a) 1822	100				11.5294	145.142	71.9	170.11	
(b) 125			(b) 154.9		(a) 1502	113				13.7277	169.562	87.4	213.410	
(b) 142			(b) 196.4		(a) 1506	123				16.0880	211.950	116.4	267.114	
(b) 178	(b) 237		(b) 259.0		(a) 1525	153				17.9436	222.175	118.9	278.696	
			283.2		(a) 1715	188				19.1624	232.575	123.3	285.474	
			326.8		(a) 1593	188				20.1888	230.146	119.7	299.142	
(b) 198	(b) 222	(b) 132.7	398.0		1959	199				21.5488	230.414	141.9	307.680	
218	231		398.0		2008	1788				216	18.8964	233.707	127.9	307.763
209	220	(b) 140.0	316.6		2311	2359	1999	233	248	20.3638	247.390	130.4	294.935	
178	191		265.8	176	2233	2255	2233	170	168	16.6631	198.600	81.9	199.867	
183	199	144.9	259.8	178	1813	1903	2065	141	145	10.7284	159.833	71.6	167.719	
178	190	148.5	272.5	191	1673	1771	1918	138	142	11.3725	164.444	64.3	164.311	
181	188	143.9	266.0	192	1789	1833	1828	155	165	12.1069	173.743	72.9	193.672	
179	177	152.7	243.7	176	1835	1847	1763	156	166	13.6665	192.944	75.6	181.030	
178	175	157.7	259.0	185	1894	1888	1798	159	170	13.9304	193.087	77.6	184.898	
170	173	155.4	254.5	182	2052	2039	1814	151	159	13.0895	188.711	72.5	170.954	
174	179	156.1	279.9	196	1946	1882	1814	155	163	13.0974	190.827	75.4	179.485	
172	188	155.8	279.0	205	1884	1948	1807	151	163	13.2710	189.930	74.2	177.175	
178	188	159.5	274.8	200	1957	1918	1859	152	163	13.1966	191.095	76.1	185.967	
179	181	157.5	272.1	200	1899	1873	1859	150	160	12.8957	190.741	77.0	191.915	
174	184	153.7	273.4	201	1893	1859	1841	148	153	12.6574	186.780	76.5	178.682	
176	181	154.3	273.4	200	1884	1867	1852	146.9	156	12.5568	184.675	73.7	175.135	
176	185	151.8	279.9	189	1863	1861	1854	144.6	154	12.2930	183.821	72.8	172.874	
179	184	151.5	279.0	191			1859	147.0	156	12.2257	185.485	77.5	183.207	
180	184	148.8	274.8	196			1863	149.7	158	12.6231	188.031	80.6	189.409	
179	181	149.3	274.8				1869	148.8	156	12.8095	188.710	80.8	191.926	
181	181	152.8	274.8				1857	151.9	159	12.9987	190.878	83.7	194.436	
		154.9	274.8					152.7	160	13.3499	193.734	84.5	197.676	
								157.0	165	13.5289	197.993	88.7	205.330	

(e) Middle of month. (f) 230 commodities, 1890-1899; 272, 1910-1914; from 1915. 271. (g) First of month. (h) End of to base 1913=100. For 1920 and 1921, 76 quotations are included, and from January, 1922, 100 quotations. (i) Gold Prices

decline with an upward turn in the autumn and sundries remained fairly stable.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Canada

The index number published by the Department since 1910 has been reconstructed back to 1913, by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the new index being weighted and based upon the prices of 238 commodities in 1913. The new index number has three systems of grouping enabling analyses to be made from three different points of view. For the years prior to 1913 the new index number was constructed from the prices published by the Department of Labour from 1890 to 1913,

using 1913 as 100, the index number being unweighted for this period. This number was issued by the Bureau in 1922, a summary being given in the LABOUR GAZETTE for June of that year. The figures for the main grouping, namely, that according to "Chief Component Material" have now been carried back by months to the year 1913 and the summary tables are given herewith. The figures for the other two groupings have been calculated by months from 1919 to date. Pending the publication of the new index number by months back to 1913 the Department has continued the publication in the LABOUR GAZETTE of its index number of 272 commodities. A summary table of this for the period 1890-1924 is included herewith.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC.

(Base figure 100)

Country	Canada		Great Britain		Austria		Belgium	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia
Description of Index	29 foods 60 cities	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, Vienna	Cost of living, Vienna	56 articles Brussels	Foods,	Foods, fuel, etc.	
Base Period	(k)	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914=1	July 1914=1	April 1914	1901- 1910	July 1914
1910.....	(d) \$ 6.95	(d) 94	(e) 96						
1913.....	7.34	99	102					(b) 135	
1914-Jan.....	7.73	105							
July.....	7.42	100	100	100	1	1		137	100
1915-Jan.....	7.97	107	118	113				(b) 163	
July.....	7.74	104	132	125					
1916-Jan.....	8.28	112	145	135					
July.....	8.46	114	161	148					
1917-Jan.....	10.27	138	187	165					
July.....	11.62	157	204	180					
1918-Jan.....	12.42	167	206	188					
July.....	13.00	175	210	203					
1919-Jan.....	13.78	188	230	220			639		
July.....	13.77	186	209	208			354 (b) 1536		
1920-Jan.....	15.30	206	236	225			410		
July.....	16.84	227	258	252			479	2252	
1921-Jan.....	14.48	195	278	265			477		1830
July.....	10.96	148	220	219			393	2413	1303
1922-Jan.....	11.03	149	185	192	748	664	409		1467
July.....	10.27	138	180	184	3282	2645	338 (b) 3186		1430
1923-Jan.....	10.52	142	175	178	10717	9454	405		941
April.....	10.64	143	168	174	12935	10897	429		927
July.....	10.17	137	162	169	12911	10903	445 (b) 3311		921
Oct.....	10.65	143	172	175	12636	11027	476		901
1924-Jan.....	10.78	145	175	177	13527	11740			917
Feb.....	10.75	145	177	179	13821	11940	517	3571	917
Mar.....	10.58	143	176	178	13930	11996	536	3516	908
April.....	10.16	137	167	173	13338	11977	522	3526	907
May.....	9.89	133	163	171	14169	12209	512	3430	916
June.....	9.86	133	160	169	14457	12442	524	3783	923
July.....	9.91	134	162	170	14362	12391	521	3686	909
August.....	10.19	137	164	171	15652	13142	526	3719	897
Sept.....	10.28	139	166	173	15623	13182	529		908
Oct.....	10.31	139	172	176	15845	13307	544		916
Nov.....	10.46	141	179	180	16198	13574			
Dec.....	10.57	142	180	181	16248	13650			

A special index number of the wholesale prices of 50 commodities was constructed and published in 1921 to meet a demand for an index number showing the movement from month to month for some years prior to the war in order to make possible certain comparisons with other barometers of trade and industry. As the index number of 272 commodities, based on prices in 1890-1899 as 100, published by the Department since 1910, covering the movement by years back to 1890, contained a large number of commodities which reacted slowly to market conditions, the special index number was confined to 50 of the most important and most representative commodities. For each article the index number was calculated by months from 1910 back to 1901, and the average for each month, 1901 to date, was converted to the base of 1913 as 100. The list of 50 commodities included 20 foods, 15 raw or semi-manufactured materials and 15 manufactured articles. The figures for the period 1910 to 1921 were given in the issue of the LABOUR GAZETTE for July,

1921. As there has been considerable demand for figures back to 1901 by months, the figures for the whole year are given here.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Review of Wholesale Prices and Price Indexes in Canada in 1924

Wholesale prices in Canada during 1924 fluctuated between 50 and 60 per cent above the pre-war level. During the year they registered the highest and lowest figures since 1921. In May the official index number published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 150.6, but in December it was 160.9. Commencing the year at 156.9 there was a steady decline until May, then a rise until August when the index was 156.8. In September it fell again to 153.9, but from that month continued to rise through the remainder of the year.

An examination of the index numbers of the various groups into which the 236 commodities included in the general index are classified, shows clearly that the rise which

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(except where noted)

Denmark		Finland		France		Germany		Netherlands		Italy	
Foods	Cost of living	Foods	Cost of living	13 articles Paris	Cost of living Paris (c)	Foods	Cost of living	29 articles 6 towns	Cost of living, The Hague (c)	21 Foods chief cities.	Cost of living, Milan.
July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	July 1914	1910=1000	1914		1913-14=1	1893	Dec. 1920	1913	July, 1920
				1000				113			
								114			
100	100	100	100	1075	100			(b) 116			
128	116			1295				128			
				1288				148			
				1439				152			
146	136			1387				170			
				1491				188			
166	155			1971				212			
				2056							
187	182			2210							
186	190			2665	238						
212	211			2811							
251	242	898-2	819-4	3119	295						
253	262	981-8	911-0	4006	363	12.7	10.7				
276	264	1173-9	1065-4	4404	358	14.2	11.8				
236	237	1277-8	1139-0	3292	295	14.9	12.5				
197	212	1123-2	1055-1	3424	291	24.6	20.4				
184	199	1105-4	1118-4	3188	289	68.4	53.9				
180	198	1079-5	1132-8	3231	324	1366	1120-3				
		1012-1	1095-6	3439	334	3500	2954				
188	204	983-2	1090-1	3446	351	46510	37651				
		1104-6	1172-1	3751	345	*	**				
194	209	1061-0	1138-2	365		† 127	† 110				
		1041-6	1125-8			117	104				
		1037-1	1123-1			120	107				
		1000-1	1100-1	4089	366	123	112				
		1000-2	1198-9	4065		126	115				
		1003-7	1125-1	3975		120	112				
200	214	1016-2	1132-3	3870	367	126	116				
		1087-7	1176-3	3935		122	114				
		1088-8	1176-8	4025		125	116				
		1120-3	1197-4	4117		134	122				
		1126-8	1201-8	4254							

commenced after May was due to the great increase in the prices of agricultural and vegetable products (chiefly grains and their products) and was achieved in spite of important declines in seven out of eight groups of commodities. In November and December the influence of higher prices for agricultural products combined with other influences such as the more stable political situation in England and the United States, increasing stabilization in European currencies, and the optimism created by the progress of the Dawes scheme caused prices in the iron and steel and the non-ferrous metals groups to turn upward. The textile index rose in December due to the very strong position of wool.

That the rise in the level of prices was due in the main to increases in grain prices may be seen by reference to the index numbers for farm products. Total Canadian farm products, including animal products, at wholesale prices, rose from 128.2 in January to 165.9 in December. The animal group in Canadian farm products rose from 136.6 in

January to 147.2 in December, while the vegetable group (grains, fruits, etc.) rose from 123.3 in January to 176.8 in December.

These index numbers for farm products should be contrasted with those for fully or chiefly manufactured materials. For this group the index was 159.5 in January and 160.1 in December. The level of this group would have been even lower in December had it not included flour and milled products which, following grain, rose considerably in price. By the end of the year therefore the disparity in prices as between farm products and manufactured goods, between what the farmer sells and what he buys, which had been to his disadvantage for many months, had disappeared and was tending to swing to his advantage. It is significant however that fully or chiefly manufactured goods were rising during the last six months of 1924. In May the index had gone as low as 152.7. The recovering to 160.1 in December was partially due to the influence of higher grain prices and the increased purchasing power of the farmer.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF FOODS, GROCERIES, ETC.

(Base figure 100)

Country	Norway	Poland		Spain	Sweden		Switzerland	
Description of Index	Foods 30 towns	Foods	Cost of living	Foods, fuel, sundries, Madrid	51 articles 30 towns	Cost of living (c)	Foods, Federal Labour Office	Foods, heat, light Co-oper- ative stores
Base period	July 1914	1914 =1	1914 =1	1914	July 1914	May 1914	June 1914	June 1914
	(e)							
1910								
1913								
1914—Jan.								
July	100	(b)	1	(b)	1	(b)	100	
1915—Jan.								
July								
1916—Jan.	143							
July	160							
1917—Jan.								
July	261							
1918—Jan.								
July	279							
1919—Jan.								
July	279							
1920—Jan.								
July	289							
1921—Jan.								
July	319							
1922—Jan.								
July	334	251	141					
1923—Jan.								
July	292	457	257	(b)	189			
1924—Jan.								
Feb.	257	736	489		179			
Mar.	233	1,298	788		179			
April	214	4,931	3,527		180			
July	212	12,478	8,351		180			
Oct.	218	24,197	20,936		172			
1925—Jan.								
Feb.	217	215,895	189,949		174			
Mar.	230	4,150,917	2,988,671		178			
April	234	4,005,553	2,924,174		190			
May	241	3,761,494	2,872,988		180			
June	240	(l) 167	(l) 131		195			
July	248				159	173		
Aug.	257				182			
Sept.	261				180			
Oct.	264				189			
Nov.					185			
Dec.					175	172		

(a) Figure for previous month. (b) Average for year. (c) Index published quarterly. (d) 15th of month up to 15th of month. (h) Four chief cities. (i) January 1913—December 1920, 22 foods. (k) Cost of food budget. (l) *October, 1923, 4,301 millions. **October, 1923, 3,657 millions. †Gold prices on the base 100 hereafter.

The index number for vegetable products (grains, fruits, etc.) was 139.0 in April and 175.0 in December. In 1923 the low point was 135.2 in December and the high 152.5 in May. It will be seen that the high level in 1924 was more than 22 points above that of 1923.

The index numbers for animals and their products during 1924 followed the normal course due to seasonal influences, declining gradually from January to the middle of the year and then gradually rising again, but taking the year as a whole and comparing it with 1923, prices were on a lower level. In 1924 the index number ranged from 117.3 in May to 139.8 in December, while in 1923 the range was from 126.1 to 141.6.

Fibres, textiles and textile products fell throughout most of the year, the range of the index numbers being 217.0 in January and 192.1 in September. In 1923 the index was 189.0 in January and 207.1 in December. In

1923 therefore the range showed a rise of approximately 18 points while in 1924 it dropped 25 points.

Wood, wood products and paper ranged from 176.0 in January to 156.8 in December. In 1923 the corresponding figures were 173.5 in April and 179.8 in June. In December, 1923, the figure was 176.4. Since the end of 1923 the price level for this group has fallen about 20 points.

Iron and its products declined steadily from January to November. The index was 168.5 in January and 154.8 in November. The range in 1923 was from 158.9 (January) to 174.4 (June). In December, 1923, it stood at 168.7. This group declined 14 points in 1924. In December, 1924, there was a recovery of about 3 points.

Non-ferrous metals and their products rose from 94.5 in January to 98.1 in March, fell to 93.1 by July and then rose to 101.5 by December. The range of 93.1 to 101.5 con-

IN CANADA AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES (Continued)
except where noted)

South Africa	India		Australia	New Zealand	United States			
	Foods Bombay	Cost of living Bombay			Foods Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of living Bureau of Labour Statistics	Cost of living Nat. Ind. Conference Board	Cost of living Massachu- sets
18 foods 9 towns			46 foods and groceries 30 towns	59 foods — 25 towns				
1910=1,000	July, 1914		1911=1,000	1909-13	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913
		(f)	(g)	(g)	(i)			
1,000			(h)	991				
1,163			1,106		100	100		100
(b) 1,148			1,099		104			101.8
	100	100	1,164	1,070	102		100	102.1
(b) 1,228			1,240	1,177	103	(a) 103.0		102.9
			1,522	1,200	100		100.5	101.7
(b) 1,275			1,504	1,236	107	(a) 105.1		105.1
(b) 1,418			1,516	1,276	111		108.7	109.9
			1,453	1,359	128	(a) 118.3		119.6
(b) 1,437			1,470	1,357	146		131.3	129.3
			1,505	1,426	160	(a) 142.4		144.6
(a) 1,559			1,523	1,491	167		(a) 152.2	155.1
	187	186	1,627	1,553	185	(a) 174.4		167.5
(b) 2,049			1,714	1,539	190		172.2	171.5
			1,862	1,688	201	(a) 199.3		192.0
(c) 1,904	188	190	2,260	1,791	219	(a) 218.5		202.6
(c) 1,556	163	189	2,167	1,906	172	(a) 200.4		179.6
	174	177	1,876	1,752	148		163	160.8
1,391	169	178	1,651	1,574	142	(a) 174.3		157.3
1,335	160	165	1,725	1,537	142	(a) 166.6		156.2
1,348	151	156	(a) 1,695	1,483	144	(a) 169.5		157.1
1,344	150	155	(a) 1,684	1,516	143	(a) 168.8		158.5
1,330	148	153	(a) 1,883	1,520	147	(a) 169.7		159.1
1,344	147	152		1,562	150	(a) 172.1		161.6
1,372	154	158		1,600	149	(a) 173.2		160.1
1,396	151	156	1,780	1,590	147		164.0	159.7
1,405	147	153	1,769	1,601	144	170.4		159.2
1,406	143	150		1,605	141			157.7
1,401	143	150	1,759	1,609	141		161.4	157.6
1,374	147	153	1,732	1,604	142.4	169.1		157.7
1,339	151	156		1,587	143.3		162.0	157.8
1,340	156	160		1,565	144.2		162.8	158.4
1,346		160		1,551	146.8	170.6	163.8	160.5
1,376	156	160		1,557	148.7			160.3
	157	161			150.1			159.8
								161.2

end of 1920; beginning of month thereafter. (e) Beginning of month. (f) Base is average for six capital towns.
Gold prices hereafter, Jan. 1914=100.

trasts with that of 93.8 (October) to 102.5 (March and April) in 1923. Though prices in this group tended upward during the last five months of 1924 the level over the whole year is slightly lower than that of 1923.

Non-metallic minerals and their products ranged from 187.8 in February and March to 177.9 in December. In 1923 the range was 182.3 in June to 186.4 in April. The December 1923 index was 182.5. The end of 1924 showed this group on a lower level than prevailed at any time during 1923 but on the average prices were slightly higher for 1924 than for 1923.

The range for chemicals and allied products was 170.6 in March to 154.1 in August. In 1923 the range was from 166.4 in January to 162.2 in December. On the average prices were lower for this group in 1924 than in 1923.

Consumers' Goods rose from 151.4 in January to 155.6 in December. Higher flour

and bread prices were chiefly responsible for higher levels at the end of the year.

Producers' Goods rose from 143.3 to 156.8. In this group the rise in materials for the milling industry from 111.1 in January to 191.7 in December more than counterbalanced declines in materials for building and construction from 167.7 to 151.5 and in materials for the textile industry from 227.6 to 199.0.

Outstanding Price Developments in 1924

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS (grains, fruits, etc.)—The rise in grain prices was the most important event in the prices field in 1924. Severe winter killing of grain in Europe followed by drought in the Mediterranean basin and in parts of Eastern Europe, combined with a short crop in Canada, were the chief causes which led to a decline of over 400,000,000 bushels of wheat and 173,000,000 bushels of rye in the current crop as com-

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DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS¹ OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN
CANADA COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL, BY YEARS,
1890-1924*

(Average Prices 1913=100)

Groups	I Vegetable Products	II Animals and their Products	III Tubres, Textiles and Textile Products	IV Wood, Wood Products and Paper	V Iron and its Products	VI Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products	VII Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products	VIII Chemicals, and Allied Products	ALL COMMODITIES
	Number of Commodities	67	50	28	21	26	15	17	238
1890.....	99.8	82.5	93.1	70.8	124.9	112.0	106.0	99.4	93.0
1891.....	101.5	61.3	87.0	70.8	118.5	102.0	103.5	100.5	91.4
1892.....	89.6	60.7	84.9	71.5	114.0	92.1	102.6	95.8	86.2
1893.....	86.3	64.4	83.8	71.3	112.3	85.8	101.4	94.7	85.2
1894.....	80.2	59.0	78.6	71.4	106.6	74.5	98.1	94.6	80.6
1895.....	82.5	57.6	76.8	70.1	100.0	72.0	96.2	93.0	79.6
1896.....	74.6	54.6	77.6	67.9	95.0	72.5	95.6	93.1	76.0
1897.....	74.4	56.5	77.4	67.5	91.2	72.8	94.3	90.7	75.6
1898.....	79.7	59.3	77.8	65.8	91.3	76.0	95.2	90.4	77.8
1899.....	81.7	62.0	81.1	67.0	103.7	93.1	97.4	88.2	81.4
1900.....	84.9	65.1	86.1	76.0	115.9	98.6	91.5	95.5	85.8
1901.....	86.1	66.1	81.5	75.4	105.8	94.3	91.8	93.3	84.5
1902.....	90.1	68.4	81.3	77.6	103.1	82.1	96.8	95.9	86.2
1903.....	89.4	69.0	83.1	80.1	103.1	82.8	100.3	96.4	89.9
1904.....	91.2	68.0	86.1	83.4	99.5	81.3	94.6	97.8	87.0
1905.....	90.2	71.9	88.9	84.2	99.0	91.0	92.1	96.4	87.8
1906.....	97.3	75.3	93.5	87.6	101.6	111.8	93.2	96.9	92.6
1907.....	136.2	78.0	96.2	91.0	105.9	115.1	92.8	97.7	96.2
1908.....	97.2	76.9	86.7	90.9	101.8	85.4	90.2	95.1	90.9
1909.....	101.1	82.6	85.0	89.0	97.3	82.9	87.1	91.3	91.4
1910.....	105.7	87.3	87.8	89.5	96.9	83.5	88.7	93.7	94.3
1911.....	108.6	84.8	88.8	91.0	96.9	86.5	86.1	95.3	95.0
1912.....	111.9	95.4	90.0	92.4	97.3	98.6	91.2	97.1	99.6
1913*	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914.....	111.6	102.5	97.8	94.3	97.7	96.2	94.5	103.0	102.5
1915.....	130.2	104.4	100.2	88.5	107.2	108.6	96.4	107.4	109.0
1916.....	149.8	119.9	133.3	100.1	151.8	137.3	102.2	123.1	131.3
1917.....	214.4	155.8	196.8	122.4	220.2	146.2	126.0	154.8	178.5
1918.....	220.2	179.4	269.9	139.4	227.3	144.2	144.9	187.3	199.0
1919.....	234.4	198.7	281.4	171.6	201.8	135.6	163.8	185.4	209.2
1920.....	287.6	204.8	303.3	241.6	244.4	137.7	197.5	223.3	243.5
1921.....	178.2	154.6	165.0	202.5	185.7	98.6	205.4	184.7	171.8
1922.....	148.4	135.4	174.7	166.4	151.8	98.9	188.4	166.4	152.0
1923.....	144.2	134.1	200.9	176.8	168.0	96.8	183.8	164.8	153.0
1924.....	154.4	127.8	203.1	165.7	161.1	96.3	183.8	161.9	155.1

*For the years prior to 1913, the index is unweighted and the number of commodities is not complete throughout.

†Preliminary figures.

WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED
ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL, BY MONTHS, 1914-1924. CALCULATED BY
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Average Prices 1913=100

Groups	Vegetable Products	Animals and their Products	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	Iron and its Products	Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products	Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Allied Products	All Commodities
Number of Commodities:	67	50	28	21	26	15	17	14	238
1914									
January.....	100.2	108.9	101.6	95.1	96.3	98.4	97.0	102.2	101.4
February.....	102.7	105.7	100.7	94.4	96.2	98.5	97.1	102.2	101.2
March.....	104.0	104.2	100.3	94.3	95.4	98.1	96.7	102.2	101.1
April.....	103.6	100.1	100.8	94.3	94.9	97.8	94.8	102.3	100.0
May.....	108.3	95.2	101.2	94.2	94.9	97.3	94.6	102.3	100.3
June.....	109.2	95.5	101.9	94.3	94.7	96.1	93.8	102.4	100.6
July.....	110.0	96.1	101.0	93.7	94.9	94.6	93.5	102.4	100.6
August.....	116.6	100.9	98.4	93.6	93.8	95.3	93.2	103.0	103.2
September.....	121.1	102.6	98.6	94.8	94.0	93.6	93.1	104.5	104.9
October.....	120.9	103.3	94.7	94.9	93.7	91.4	93.8	104.5	104.4
November.....	123.2	104.6	91.6	94.9	93.5	92.1	93.3	104.1	105.0
December.....	122.8	98.6	91.7	94.5	93.8	94.1	93.4	103.7	103.7
1915									
January.....	133.8	106.6	91.8	89.6	93.9	94.0	92.7	104.9	108.6
February.....	143.6	105.3	93.4	89.0	95.4	98.1	92.3	104.8	111.5
March.....	142.1	102.4	93.9	88.9	97.2	100.8	92.3	105.3	110.9
April.....	144.6	102.4	96.7	88.6	97.8	104.6	91.0	105.3	112.1
May.....	145.5	99.8	96.9	88.5	97.9	108.9	91.3	105.3	112.1
June.....	131.7	100.4	97.5	88.5	100.2	116.7	91.5	105.6	109.1
July.....	132.9	100.3	100.8	88.6	99.9	114.8	91.8	107.2	109.8
August.....	125.6	100.7	101.2	88.7	101.1	107.5	92.0	107.7	107.6
September.....	112.3	102.4	101.3	88.8	102.8	108.4	93.6	108.4	104.6
October.....	113.9	109.1	107.9	88.8	107.3	110.4	94.2	107.8	107.7
November.....	118.8	109.4	107.3	87.6	111.4	116.9	94.9	108.1	109.8
December.....	124.2	112.7	113.4	89.7	114.8	120.5	95.5	108.6	113.4
1916									
January.....	136.3	114.2	121.7	92.8	129.6	127.0	97.8	117.9	122.4
February.....	138.3	111.9	124.3	93.4	131.1	133.5	98.3	118.7	123.5
March.....	133.2	112.3	123.9	93.5	135.6	136.0	101.4	120.9	122.9
April.....	137.8	113.0	123.7	96.5	137.2	141.6	101.5	125.1	125.3
May.....	139.8	112.3	131.2	97.4	140.6	143.6	101.1	124.6	127.0
June.....	136.1	114.1	131.8	101.7	140.8	136.4	109.8	124.7	127.0
July.....	138.3	115.7	133.0	102.7	141.3	130.0	102.9	122.7	127.2
August.....	150.4	116.9	137.0	104.5	144.1	132.3	102.7	117.4	131.6
September.....	157.6	120.6	139.8	105.8	143.0	135.5	102.2	117.4	134.9
October.....	169.6	127.5	143.1	110.1	149.0	136.9	102.2	119.3	141.2
November.....	187.6	133.8	147.8	113.3	157.3	145.0	102.8	121.1	149.7
December.....	176.6	140.8	149.1	113.4	169.1	149.6	103.6	124.8	149.7
1917									
January.....	180.6	146.7	158.7	122.6	179.9	143.9	113.3	125.7	157.8
February.....	183.6	149.6	168.1	122.3	178.2	151.2	114.0	127.2	160.8
March.....	193.6	146.6	173.7	123.6	191.5	153.0	116.4	127.9	165.1
April.....	212.4	150.2	177.9	124.3	200.2	149.3	120.0	137.3	172.9
May.....	250.5	156.2	181.3	124.5	207.1	151.1	120.9	145.5	186.4
June.....	241.9	151.3	191.1	126.9	213.4	152.3	123.8	152.9	185.5
July.....	237.1	148.9	198.4	126.0	220.4	147.8	129.3	154.8	185.2
August.....	231.1	154.5	212.2	126.0	226.8	146.7	129.9	156.7	186.9
September.....	211.2	157.5	207.2	126.9	229.4	149.9	129.9	159.1	182.0
October.....	209.4	162.3	219.3	126.6	233.4	136.8	129.9	156.6	183.2
November.....	216.4	164.6	224.6	125.0	235.3	137.4	129.9	156.3	186.3
December.....	217.2	167.5	226.7	123.7	238.0	137.2	131.9	160.0	187.9
1918									
January.....	219.6	170.1	241.9	130.8	232.5	139.1	138.2	167.7	191.7
February.....	218.5	173.2	241.5	134.9	223.9	138.3	138.9	172.9	192.0
March.....	219.8	170.8	258.5	136.1	224.4	140.3	140.9	174.4	194.3
April.....	217.3	173.7	262.3	136.5	225.6	140.4	143.6	173.7	195.0
May.....	216.0	177.0	252.5	137.6	226.6	144.0	144.2	174.6	194.6
June.....	216.0	179.1	258.5	137.8	227.4	145.4	144.2	175.7	196.0
July.....	224.7	177.5	261.7	141.8	228.6	148.9	144.4	181.3	199.5
August.....	221.1	178.2	294.9	141.5	230.0	148.5	146.3	183.6	202.8
September.....	222.4	181.4	298.9	143.3	232.4	148.3	152.6	180.3	205.0
October.....	226.3	184.3	291.8	152.1	233.1	147.2	152.8	186.2	206.9
November.....	224.8	188.5	288.6	151.8	234.6	146.6	156.7	187.6	207.4
December.....	222.1	192.3	285.2	151.4	225.6	143.9	156.7	176.2	205.6

WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED
ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL, BY MONTHS, 1914-1924, CALCULATED BY THE
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

(Average Prices 1913=100)

Groups	Vegetable Products	Animals and their Products	Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Wood, Wood Products and Paper	Iron and its Products	Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products	Non-Metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Allied Products	ALL COMMODITIES
Number of Commodities:	67	50	28	21	26	15	17	14	238
1919									
January.....	221.3	193.1	288.6	165.5	227.1	134.2	164.0	182.2	206.1
February.....	217.6	184.6	281.0	165.2	216.5	127.8	162.0	180.6	200.5
March.....	219.4	186.9	283.1	165.2	206.9	122.3	161.7	182.9	200.3
April.....	224.4	194.3	255.3	164.0	193.0	121.4	162.2	179.4	198.1
May.....	232.6	195.8	259.9	161.4	192.1	126.7	162.0	181.3	201.4
June.....	231.8	193.9	267.6	162.2	188.2	130.2	161.6	183.4	201.7
July.....	224.1	197.5	275.9	168.1	181.2	137.5	162.2	188.6	202.8
August.....	232.1	201.2	274.5	175.1	191.8	141.1	162.9	190.4	207.0
September.....	247.3	199.9	291.3	182.8	190.5	141.8	165.8	190.4	213.7
October.....	244.2	199.3	298.2	185.8	191.1	143.2	165.7	190.1	214.0
November.....	248.2	205.7	303.1	184.4	194.2	146.2	165.7	191.2	217.5
December.....	255.7	209.5	310.2	188.6	208.9	148.3	168.3	192.5	223.4
1920									
January.....	280.5	209.6	315.6	203.8	212.0	153.4	171.3	201.7	233.4
February.....	288.0	209.4	319.5	213.2	222.0	155.0	175.8	211.7	238.8
March.....	294.7	203.3	317.9	218.4	234.7	153.7	175.8	217.9	241.3
April.....	309.3	206.9	341.8	243.1	232.2	147.5	184.8	219.4	251.0
May.....	329.2	204.5	338.9	245.0	242.9	141.0	187.5	221.8	256.7
June.....	332.8	198.8	331.4	233.9	246.6	129.6	195.8	226.4	255.1
July.....	326.2	203.0	328.5	256.0	243.6	134.3	197.7	233.2	256.3
August.....	304.2	203.5	320.1	252.5	248.1	139.2	201.1	232.9	250.2
September.....	281.7	210.6	302.7	258.8	254.1	133.9	211.1	239.3	245.5
October.....	256.7	207.0	282.9	266.7	254.4	129.0	219.8	238.4	236.3
November.....	234.7	203.2	255.3	259.4	253.0	118.2	227.3	224.8	224.5
December.....	216.3	199.2	261.8	247.1	248.3	112.3	230.6	215.7	217.2
1921									
January.....	206.9	197.9	181.0	244.4	224.9	116.8	221.9	210.3	200.6
February.....	195.5	181.7	177.9	239.8	215.4	112.1	212.2	206.3	191.1
March.....	192.4	175.8	173.3	231.8	203.6	107.1	212.0	204.0	186.0
April.....	185.6	169.9	168.6	224.7	192.8	109.2	208.8	185.5	179.5
May.....	186.7	144.8	153.6	207.1	189.4	111.3	205.8	180.0	170.5
June.....	181.4	134.2	148.6	199.1	183.5	96.2	206.1	180.0	164.5
July.....	178.0	142.0	148.4	190.6	178.8	96.2	203.9	179.8	163.7
August.....	186.5	147.3	148.8	189.9	169.0	94.9	200.4	177.5	165.5
September.....	172.6	144.3	164.3	180.9	164.8	96.9	198.5	176.7	161.7
October.....	152.7	143.1	164.8	172.1	164.3	99.6	200.1	176.7	155.6
November.....	147.5	139.5	173.5	173.0	158.6	98.8	198.0	174.0	153.6
December.....	146.8	149.0	174.1	172.2	152.0	99.8	196.4	173.9	150.6
1922									
January.....	145.8	136.8	173.0	166.4	150.3	99.3	191.3	169.5	151.7
February.....	157.1	135.0	172.4	162.0	147.6	97.0	191.0	166.8	153.5
March.....	161.5	133.3	167.2	162.4	146.5	96.2	190.3	166.8	153.6
April.....	160.6	136.8	165.6	162.6	145.1	96.3	190.3	166.2	153.7
May.....	161.4	131.2	173.4	165.1	147.3	97.5	185.8	166.2	153.9
June.....	155.9	130.5	176.0	164.3	149.3	98.9	185.7	166.2	152.7
July.....	157.1	133.7	175.9	166.0	149.6	100.2	187.0	166.1	154.1
August.....	148.4	133.3	174.2	166.3	154.4	99.8	185.4	165.9	151.7
September.....	131.6	131.3	174.7	166.4	159.6	100.7	190.4	165.4	147.4
October.....	130.8	133.3	176.6	171.0	157.9	100.9	189.2	165.6	148.1
November.....	137.2	139.8	183.7	171.0	157.4	100.2	187.1	165.6	151.9
December.....	137.8	143.7	184.8	174.1	156.4	99.5	187.1	165.7	153.1
1923									
January.....	136.8	141.5	189.0	175.7	158.9	95.5	185.7	166.4	151.4
February.....	142.3	139.1	199.3	174.5	161.8	96.8	184.4	166.3	153.6
March.....	144.5	139.9	205.9	175.3	164.8	102.5	186.1	164.4	155.9
April.....	151.2	135.8	202.9	173.5	169.1	102.5	186.4	164.5	156.9
May.....	152.5	126.5	199.2	175.1	172.5	99.2	182.6	164.2	155.2
June.....	150.4	126.9	201.2	179.8	174.4	98.2	182.3	163.9	155.5
July.....	146.8	126.1	198.6	178.6	171.8	95.4	182.8	165.4	153.5
August.....	147.2	127.9	196.2	177.7	170.3	94.1	183.2	165.7	153.5
September.....	148.0	133.0	196.7	177.9	168.2	94.6	182.8	165.7	154.6
October.....	141.6	135.1	197.8	178.2	167.4	93.8	184.1	164.5	153.1
November.....	138.2	137.6	204.1	178.5	167.5	95.4	182.5	163.8	153.3
December.....	135.2	141.6	207.1	176.4	168.7	95.1	182.5	162.2	153.5
1924									
January.....	139.5	137.9	216.0	175.7	168.4	94.5	185.5	168.4	156.7
February.....	141.0	136.2	214.1	174.0	167.3	96.2	187.8	168.4	156.6
March.....	142.3	127.3	206.8	173.5	166.1	98.1	187.8	170.6	154.3
April.....	139.0	120.3	205.4	170.4	166.4	94.9	186.0	170.3	151.1
May.....	140.9	117.3	205.5	170.3	163.5	94.2	186.1	169.9	150.6
June.....	147.8	118.5	204.5	170.1	161.0	93.4	184.7	167.4	152.2
July.....	156.9	119.4	205.2	162.5	159.2	93.1	184.9	165.4	153.3
August.....	168.0	124.7	205.6	161.4	157.6	96.5	184.2	164.1	156.8
September.....	161.6	126.3	191.1	159.3	155.4	96.4	183.2	164.8	153.8
October.....	169.9	131.8	193.7	157.2	155.2	97.2	179.6	164.8	157.0
November.....	170.4	134.0	193.2	156.9	155.2	99.8	178.0	164.8	157.7
December.....	175.0	139.8	195.9	156.8	157.5	101.5	177.0	164.4	160.9

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS ACCORDING TO "PURPOSE," 1914-1924

(PRICES IN 1913=100)

Groups and Number of Commodities	I. Consumers' Goods			II. Producers' Goods				
	All	Foods, beverages and tobacco	Other	All	Pro- ducers' Equip- ment	Producers' Materials		
		98	74			148	16	100
1914.....	101.3	105.6	96.0	103.4	94.4	104.4	93.8	106.8
1915.....	105.9	111.0	99.3	114.2	96.4	116.1	90.3	121.9
1916.....	120.6	132.3	105.8	130.7	101.1	133.9	103.8	140.8
1917.....	154.0	177.1	124.8	177.4	126.3	182.9	130.7	194.9
1918.....	172.8	193.3	146.9	195.0	146.0	200.3	150.5	211.7
1919.....	191.7	207.6	171.6	208.2	164.6	210.7	175.0	218.8
1920.....	226.1	244.4	203.1	241.9	197.1	246.8	214.9	254.0
1921.....	174.7	170.7	179.2	167.3	206.5	163.0	183.2	158.4
1922.....	153.6	146.0	163.1	146.8	189.0	142.2	162.2	137.7
1923.....	151.3	147.6	155.9	145.0	186.1	140.6	167.0	134.7
1922								
January.....	156.2	147.5	166.9	143.4	193.6	138.0	163.2	132.2
February.....	156.1	149.0	164.9	147.5	191.6	142.8	159.9	138.9
March.....	155.4	148.7	163.6	149.7	190.6	145.3	160.2	141.8
April.....	156.0	149.7	163.8	150.9	190.6	146.7	159.5	143.7
May.....	153.6	145.5	163.4	152.3	185.7	148.7	162.5	145.5
June.....	152.5	143.9	163.2	150.6	185.7	146.8	161.8	143.4
July.....	155.0	146.5	165.5	151.5	187.2	147.7	163.3	144.1
August.....	153.4	145.2	163.4	146.8	185.7	142.6	163.6	137.8
September.....	149.8	138.8	163.4	140.5	191.2	135.0	162.9	128.6
October.....	149.3	139.4	161.6	140.8	190.1	135.5	162.6	129.3
November.....	151.9	146.5	158.5	143.3	188.0	138.5	163.0	132.9
December.....	151.1	150.2	159.0	143.8	188.0	139.0	164.0	133.3
1923								
January.....	153.0	148.1	159.3	143.6	188.3	138.8	163.8	133.2
February.....	152.4	148.6	157.3	146.7	187.0	142.4	164.7	137.4
March.....	154.7	150.6	159.9	149.0	188.8	144.8	166.4	139.9
April.....	154.2	149.6	159.9	151.7	188.8	147.8	166.4	143.6
May.....	148.7	144.3	154.2	151.7	184.5	148.2	167.4	143.9
June.....	148.6	144.1	154.3	150.2	184.3	146.5	168.4	141.1
July.....	148.2	143.4	154.3	147.4	184.4	143.5	169.4	137.6
August.....	148.9	144.9	153.9	145.6	184.7	141.5	167.9	135.5
September.....	152.1	150.9	153.7	145.3	185.0	141.1	166.7	135.3
October.....	152.5	150.1	155.6	143.5	186.4	139.0	167.0	132.7
November.....	151.9	149.7	154.5	142.5	185.2	137.9	167.3	131.3
December.....	153.0	152.1	154.2	141.0	185.3	136.2	166.3	129.5
1924								
January.....	154.5	151.4	158.3	143.2	187.6	138.5	167.7	132.2
February.....	155.7	150.6	162.2	144.7	190.1	139.8	167.2	134.0
March.....	152.8	145.3	162.3	143.5	189.9	138.4	167.1	132.6
April.....	147.3	137.7	159.3	141.4	188.3	136.3	164.2	130.4
May.....	145.7	135.0	159.1	142.6	188.4	137.7	163.9	132.1
June.....	147.4	138.2	159.0	143.8	188.7	139.0	161.4	134.3
July.....	146.4	138.4	156.4	148.3	188.8	144.0	155.1	141.9
August.....	150.8	147.8	154.5	151.7	188.1	147.8	154.4	146.8
September.....	148.7	145.4	152.9	148.6	188.6	144.5	152.3	143.1
October.....	149.4	150.3	148.2	153.7	183.1	150.5	152.7	150.6
November.....	150.7	151.4	149.9	153.9	181.3	150.9	151.8	151.2
December.....	152.9	155.6	149.5	156.8	181.3	154.2	151.5	155.3

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS ACCORDING TO "ORIGIN", 1914-1924

(PRICES IN 1913=100)

Groups and Number of Commodities	Raw or partly manufactured	Fully or chiefly manufactured	I. Farm (domestic and foreign)			II Marine	III Forest	IV Mineral
			Field	Animal	Canadian			
	108	130	88	53	36	8	21	68
1914.....	104.2	101.0	109.5	102.9	110.6	98.8	94.3	95.8
1915.....	113.9	110.9	125.5	105.6	124.1	100.3	88.5	101.9
1916.....	133.4	130.4	146.4	122.5	143.4	107.1	100.1	121.5
1917.....	178.4	175.5	209.9	159.9	207.7	136.8	122.4	153.2
1918.....	189.2	196.9	225.4	184.5	212.3	172.5	139.4	166.1
1919.....	206.0	204.4	239.2	203.0	232.5	177.5	171.6	167.8
1920.....	244.0	242.0	291.1	208.2	258.2	173.5	241.6	196.2
1921.....	168.4	180.0	177.5	155.7	164.2	142.3	202.5	175.6
1922.....	148.5	155.0	152.9	135.6	138.5	142.7	166.4	158.0
1923.....	142.8	159.1	153.4	135.7	127.6	129.9	176.8	157.9
1922								
January.....	146.5	154.7	150.9	136.6	39.3	144.3	166.4	159.5
February.....	150.4	156.1	160.0	134.9	149.4	143.9	162.0	158.2
March.....	151.2	157.7	163.0	133.3	147.4	144.9	162.4	157.5
April.....	152.1	157.0	161.7	137.1	149.1	141.3	162.6	157.0
May.....	152.9	154.7	163.2	130.9	148.6	152.9	165.1	156.0
June.....	150.8	154.1	158.9	130.8	141.5	148.0	164.3	156.6
July.....	152.6	156.1	160.1	134.0	144.6	143.9	166.0	157.7
August.....	147.4	156.3	153.0	133.4	133.2	149.3	166.3	157.4
September.....	141.6	152.3	139.0	131.8	119.7	142.4	166.4	160.5
October.....	142.7	151.8	138.5	134.3	123.0	132.0	171.0	159.7
November.....	146.9	154.1	144.8	140.8	133.3	137.6	171.0	158.3
December.....	148.0	155.5	145.5	145.2	133.0	133.0	174.1	157.9
1923								
January.....	142.8	156.7	145.4	142.7	128.2	132.3	175.7	156.9
February.....	144.2	160.2	151.8	140.8	128.5	127.6	174.5	157.0
March.....	145.5	164.4	154.8	141.9	127.4	126.7	175.3	159.6
April.....	148.2	164.6	159.9	138.1	132.4	128.6	173.5	160.8
May.....	148.0	159.7	160.3	127.7	132.4	138.0	175.1	158.6
June.....	147.3	158.3	158.6	128.2	128.3	135.7	179.8	158.7
July.....	144.4	157.6	155.2	127.5	123.9	130.1	178.6	158.0
August.....	144.2	156.6	154.8	129.5	128.8	130.5	177.7	157.6
September.....	145.2	158.8	155.7	135.1	128.8	122.1	177.9	157.1
October.....	143.1	157.9	150.9	137.1	123.0	125.5	178.2	157.1
November.....	142.9	156.4	148.9	139.0	125.3	130.6	178.5	156.4
December.....	142.7	156.4	146.8	143.0	127.0	130.1	176.4	156.8
1924								
January.....	146.0	159.4	151.8	139.8	128.2	130.4	175.7	159.1
February.....	146.6	160.9	152.8	138.0	128.7	131.1	174.0	160.7
March.....	143.6	159.7	152.5	129.0	122.5	133.2	173.5	161.0
April.....	140.5	155.0	149.7	121.7	119.7	131.5	170.4	159.7
May.....	141.4	152.7	150.8	118.2	122.3	140.0	170.3	159.0
June.....	144.0	153.0	156.3	119.9	129.4	133.9	170.1	157.1
July.....	147.1	154.7	164.0	121.1	137.8	129.3	162.5	155.6
August.....	153.0	158.3	172.8	126.6	148.7	126.1	161.4	155.4
September.....	149.6	156.7	166.1	128.0	143.4	131.6	159.3	154.0
October.....	154.4	159.0	123.9	132.0	153.8	150.0	157.2	152.1
November.....	155.9	158.3	173.8	134.8	159.3	156.3	156.9	151.8
December.....	159.7	160.1	177.9	140.9	165.9	156.7	156.9	152.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES

Average Prices 1890-1899=100

	Number of Commodities	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
1. Grains and fodder.....	15	116.7	123.9	106.7	99.1	94.3	98.8	85.2	80.6	98.8	96.7	99.9	107.3
2. Animals and meats.....	17	111.2	104.7	108.5	117.7	98.7	92.2	82.4	90.4	97.9	95.1	103.4	111.3
3. Dairy Produce.....	9	103.0	106.2	105.8	110.4	104.6	94.8	90.1	90.1	92.9	101.4	109.0	120.5
4. Fish.....	9	103.3	97.3	90.6	99.7	96.4	101.4	102.6	98.6	99.6	110.0	106.4	113.2
5. Other foods.....	149	120.3	121.3	104.7	102.1	95.0	95.2	87.1	86.0	94.3	93.6	96.4	98.6
6. Textiles.....	20	111.4	104.2	102.2	101.2	97.3	93.6	96.9	98.0	95.2	99.8	100.0	103.6
7. Hides, leather, boots.....	11	100.6	102.6	99.8	101.8	89.9	98.6	92.9	100.1	105.0	109.4	113.8	112.8
8. Metals and implements—													
(a) Metals.....	23	125.4	114.4	107.6	102.1	91.1	87.0	87.5	87.6	87.6	111.9	121.2	110.4
(b) Implements.....	10	103.8	103.2	102.9	102.6	102.2	101.0	98.5	93.1	94.3	98.0	100.1	102.2
9. Fuel and lighting.....	10	107.4	106.7	106.6	102.9	97.5	97.0	98.9	96.4	93.5	96.9	100.8	98.1
10. Building materials—													
(a) Lumber.....	14	103.5	102.7	104.4	103.7	104.6	102.8	97.1	93.9	90.8	95.8	114.0	114.6
(b) Miscellaneous.....	20	117.6	110.4	106.8	103.7	98.7	95.2	93.9	87.7	87.4	97.2	111.8	105.0
(c) Paints, oils, glass.....	14	109.5	103.8	98.2	98.6	95.5	96.1	96.2	95.5	100.0	107.6	125.9	121.9
11. House furnishings.....	16	100.2	100.5	100.9	101.1	101.3	97.9	97.5	99.8	99.6	100.2	110.2	107.9
12. Drugs and Chemicals.....	16	110.5	101.3	104.4	104.4	100.1	100.3	99.8	96.5	93.3	93.3	101.5	99.8
13. Miscellaneous—													
(a) Furs, raw.....	4	86.5	99.4	103.7	123.6	113.5	80.5	80.7	88.0	111.1	111.8	147.3	140.9
(b) Liquors, tobaccos.....	6	94.9	99.0	99.7	99.4	98.7	99.4	98.0	103.9	103.9	102.3	103.3	103.8
(c) Sundries.....	7	112.0	106.7	98.9	100.3	93.7	91.3	92.6	91.2	103.3	109.5	113.0	110.9
All.....	270	110.3	108.5	102.8	102.5	97.2	95.6	92.5	92.2	96.1	100.1	108.2	107.0

	Number of Commodities	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
1. Grains and fodder.....	15	116.1	106.5	115.5	116.4	118.5	140.2	143.3	149.9	140.7	148.4	167.3	136.8
2. Animals and meats.....	17	122.2	117.9	111.3	120.7	130.1	133.8	129.6	148.6	163.6	146.6	160.8	180.8
3. Dairy produce.....	9	106.9	108.9	107.2	115.1	120.2	131.5	136.3	133.6	135.7	136.2	159.0	154.7
4. Fish.....	9	110.2	116.2	119.5	115.7	121.8	129.5	120.5	134.0	145.1	143.6	155.7	158.0
5. Other foods.....	149	98.4	98.1	101.8	100.7	103.1	112.5	110.3	107.6	111.3	118.7	126.0	117.4
6. Textiles.....	20	101.0	105.9	110.4	114.6	123.4	126.1	111.0	108.3	114.6	119.2	120.7	130.8
7. Hides, leather, boots.....	11	118.2	115.7	113.6	119.6	128.1	125.5	120.0	135.4	135.4	139.6	152.4	163.9
8. Metals and implements—													
(a) Metals.....	23	102.8	105.5	99.7	108.4	118.6	134.8	106.3	101.9	97.6	109.3	117.4	119.1
(b) Implements.....	10	104.7	105.7	106.2	106.1	106.0	107.1	104.2	102.4	104.5	104.5	104.7	105.6
9. Fuel and lighting.....	10	104.9	111.0	104.1	106.4	108.8	102.2	103.8	103.0	100.5	100.5	113.3	118.2
10. Building materials—													
(a) Lumber.....	14	122.0	128.8	131.3	124.1	152.7	165.2	162.6	154.6	158.5	165.4	160.5	181.3
(b) Miscellaneous.....	20	104.6	107.7	107.2	106.8	104.7	108.7	107.5	105.7	109.2	102.6	105.4	112.7
(c) Paints, oils, glass.....	14	128.1	126.3	122.4	125.3	135.3	141.2	136.8	135.2	145.5	154.5	148.6	144.8
11. House furnishings.....	16	109.2	109.6	112.7	107.3	113.0	112.7	112.8	110.4	110.6	110.4	114.5	126.2
12. Drugs and chemicals.....	16	102.2	105.5	109.0	106.4	106.3	108.5	107.1	103.9	109.5	112.1	115.5	113.3
13. Miscellaneous—													
(a) Furs, raw.....	4	145.2	168.1	171.3	217.4	229.4	239.4	231.8	227.2	234.5	252.9	297.3	307.9
(b) Liquors, tobaccos.....	6	103.7	107.0	107.8	108.1	108.1	125.5	118.0	117.5	132.9	151.2	155.2	134.7
(c) Sundries.....	7	116.8	115.0	119.1	121.1	120.9	123.0	117.6	121.6	118.0	110.3	104.3	113.1
All.....	270	109.0	110.5	111.4	113.8	120.0	126.2	120.8	121.2	124.2	127.4	134.4	135.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES—*Con.*

	Number of Commodities	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
1. Grains and fodder.....	15	156.5	186.9	195.2	281.5	316.2	310.9	360.6	205.7	187.4	175.6	190.6
2. Animals and meats.....	17	192.3	187.2	217.7	288.1	354.5	357.8	357.4	263.7	244.0	224.2	215.8
3. Dairy produce.....	9	154.4	161.4	183.5	230.5	259.4	296.5	314.7	241.3	204.7	215.2	206.7
4. Fish.....	9	156.0	149.7	184.8	205.8	247.0	236.6	247.4	204.5	182.7	178.5	171.4
5. Other foods.....	†49	118.8	125.5	156.2	220.6	250.5	251.5	295.1	207.2	190.6	189.3	192.6
6. Textiles.....	20	133.5	149.2	193.4	263.4	356.9	373.1	396.9	247.5	234.3	244.7	253.4
7. Hides, leather and boots.....	11	171.8	180.5	233.4	275.1	279.7	349.5	313.6	179.9	163.7	159.6	154.6
8. Metals and implements—												
(a) Metals.....	23	113.9	152.4	198.9	259.1	273.1	206.0	241.5	179.1	168.0	184.4	185.1
(b) Implements.....	10	106.8	112.1	135.2	181.6	225.0	240.4	258.3	253.1	229.0	226.5	225.8
9. Fuel and lighting.....	10	110.9	108.8	132.6	193.0	221.8	237.1	310.0	258.1	263.2	246.3	233.8
10. Building materials—												
(a) Lumber.....	14	182.1	175.7	182.1	214.5	267.1	310.8	486.5	383.4	322.1	343.0	338.2
(b) Miscellaneous.....	20	111.4	115.9	154.9	203.5	226.4	224.5	258.7	240.1	207.9	221.4	224.2
(c) Paints, oils, glass.....	14	140.7	157.1	200.5	222.4	310.8	379.0	444.2	310.1	272.0	276.3	270.7
11. House furnishings.....	16	129.5	136.5	157.1	203.7	256.8	321.2	381.0	344.7	283.7	270.4	264.7
12. Drugs and chemicals.....	16	121.6	181.3	252.2	267.9	283.4	232.0	231.5	200.3	183.7	178.7	175.3
13. Miscellaneous—												
(a) Furs, raw.....	4	205.4	161.9	299.8	411.6	602.2	1009.2	1132.1	521.1	651.3	601.1	567.9
(b) Liquors, tobaccos.....	6	136.9	135.6	142.4	167.8	216.6	275.8	312.1	275.9	265.7	264.4	268.4
(c) Sundries.....	7	108.5	116.6	143.0	186.8	219.5	211.6	215.2	184.0	158.9	159.0	158.2
All.....	†270	136.1	148.0	182.0	237.0	278.3	293.2	333.6	246.1	224.3	224.1	223.2

† Number varies from month to month.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA, 50 COMMODITIES

(Calculated to base of 1913=100)

Date	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
January.....	79.8	79.1	81.5	80.5	82.9	88.9	87.6	88.8	86.8	92.4	93.4	97.4	102.0	103.1	105.1	127.3	157.9	191.7	198.7	230.2	195.2	148.0	153.1	154.4
February.....	79.2	78.1	82.3	82.0	84.2	87.6	93.6	90.4	87.6	93.6	93.5	99.1	100.6	102.9	106.6	127.6	161.4	192.7	192.5	237.0	182.2	148.4	155.2	155.1
March.....	77.5	79.2	82.3	82.7	84.7	85.4	92.7	89.9	87.5	93.2	94.6	98.6	100.5	101.9	107.4	129.7	161.3	193.4	192.1	241.0	174.3	148.1	156.2	152.1
April.....	76.4	79.3	81.5	81.1	86.1	88.2	92.7	88.3	86.7	97.9	94.1	100.0	100.3	101.0	108.0	131.3	170.8	195.0	198.0	249.8	164.9	147.8	155.9	150.3
May.....	75.3	79.1	80.9	80.5	84.1	86.7	91.8	88.2	88.0	96.5	92.6	100.7	99.2	99.9	109.2	133.5	185.0	200.3	203.9	260.5	159.5	148.6	155.3	149.4
June.....	76.9	79.2	81.7	80.6	85.1	86.4	94.0	87.9	91.2	94.3	92.5	102.1	99.6	99.1	106.9	134.0	185.9	203.6	203.	254.4	154.1	149.3	153.0	150.3
July.....	76.1	79.3	81.6	81.0	84.7	89.4	94.0	87.4	90.4	94.9	93.4	100.1	98.2	100.2	107.8	132.3	187.2	207.8	210.9	249.7	153.3	150.7	151.2	149.4
August.....	75.5	78.7	81.2	81.2	83.8	87.9	93.0	86.4	90.3	93.1	94.6	99.9	99.4	102.4	108.6	135.2	188.0	207.4	219.6	236.7	158.0	148.3	153.0	151.4
September.....	76.1	79.1	80.0	80.6	84.2	87.4	91.7	85.8	90.3	95.9	94.4	98.9	99.6	102.9	107.1	137.9	180.8	209.6	216.6	229.9	150.4	145.3	151.6	148.8
October.....	77.6	78.5	79.9	80.5	83.9	88.2	91.7	85.5	92.2	94.2	94.5	98.9	97.0	102.6	112.3	141.1	181.4	208.8	212.6	221.5	147.7	147.3	151.9	150.5
November.....	78.0	79.7	79.3	80.3	85.8	89.8	92.5	86.5	92.2	92.7	93.5	100.7	101.4	102.5	116.0	148.4	185.2	210.6	216.1	211.9	147.2	152.1	152.0	151.5
December.....	78.7	80.0	78.6	81.0	86.6	89.6	90.0	85.6	91.9	93.3	94.9	101.0	102.0	104.4	119.7	154.4	188.1	204.1	220.3	199.9	150.1	154.2	153.7	152.6
Average.....	77.3	79.1	80.9	81.0	84.7	87.9	92.1	87.6	89.6	94.3	93.8	99.8	100.0	101.9	109.6	136.1	177.8	202.1	207.0	235.2	161.4	149.0	153.5	151.3

pared with that of a year ago. The average price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern cash wheat, Fort William and Port Arthur basis, was 96½ cents per bushel in January and \$1.72½ in December. Oats No. 2 C.W. rose from 39½ cents in January to 62½ cents in December. 1st patent flour per 2-98s jute bags was \$6.20 in January and \$9.50 in December. Rolled Oats were \$2.90 per 90-pound sack in January and \$4 in December.

The largest cuban sugar crop in history combined with an increase in the European beet sugar crop of about 20 per cent brought sugar prices to lower levels in 1924. Raw sugar, 96° centrifugal was \$7.13 per cwt., at Montreal in February and \$4.70 in December. Refined sugar was \$9.88 per cwt. in February and \$7.12 in December.

Immediately after the further restriction in July, 1924, of crude rubber exports, under the Stevenson scheme, to 55 per cent of the standard production, prices of this commodity began to rise sharply. Ceylon, ribbed, smoked, sheets were 26 cents per pound in January, 20 cents in June and 38 cents in December. Upriver fine para was 22½ cents in January, 19 cents in June and 36 cents in December.

Increasing consumption and smaller production of tea caused a strong market to develop in 1924. Ceylon and Indian Pekoe tea was 45 cents per pound in January and 53 cents in December.

A short current crop of coffee in Brazil, and a small carry-over from 1923 combined with increasing consumption raised coffee prices in 1924. Green Santos Coffee at Toronto was 21 cents per pound in January and 33½ cents in December.

Japan, India, China and other important rice-growing countries produced short crops of rice in 1924 which in combination with the shortage of other foodstuffs caused a rise in price. Pakling rice, uncleaned, in British Columbia was \$4.82 per cwt., in January and \$5.40 in November.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.—The greatly decreased corn crop in the United States influenced the trend of hog prices in Canada. Hogs, thick, smooth, W.O.C. at Toronto were \$8.23 per cwt. in January and \$10.12 in December. Smoked standard bacon light was 22-25 cents per pound at Toronto in January and 25-27 cents in December.

Several varieties of fish tended to scarcity during the year. Salted mackerel at Halifax were \$7.75 in January, \$8.50 in May and \$12 in December. The lobster pack was over 40,000 cases short of the 1923 production. It was the smallest pack save one (1918) on record. Canned lobsters at Canso were 40 cents per pound in January and 75 cents in December. A larger pack of Sockeye Salmon

brought prices down from \$4.05 per dozen 1 pound tins in January to \$3.65 in December. The Cohoe pack was smaller and prices rose from \$2.25 to \$2.45.

A better demand for hides in the last half of the year brought an improvement in prices. Beef hides, city cured at Toronto were 9½ cents to 10 cents in January and 13-13½ cents in December.

Butter prices because of a relatively quiet market at the end of the year were considerably lower than at the beginning. Creamery finest at Montreal was 44 cents per pound in January and 37 cents in December. Creamery prints at Toronto were 48 cents in January and 41 cents in December.

FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS.—A much increased crop of American cotton (over 13,000,000 bales) brought about a fall in cotton prices. Raw cotton, upland middling, at New York was 34½ cents per pound in January and 23½ cents in December. Yarn and textiles moved in sympathy. 10s white single hosiery cops were 58 cents per pound in January and 44 cents in December. Blue denim 2 yards to the pound was 80 cents per pound in January and 63 cents in December. Saxony 4.15 yards to the pound was 95½ cents in January and 87½ cents in December.

A short crop of jute explains the rise in the price of this commodity. Raw Jute 1st marks at Montreal was \$8.01 per cwt. in January and \$11.61 in November. Hessians 10½ ounces 40 inches wide at Montreal following jute prices were \$10 per cwt. in January and \$13.12½ in December.

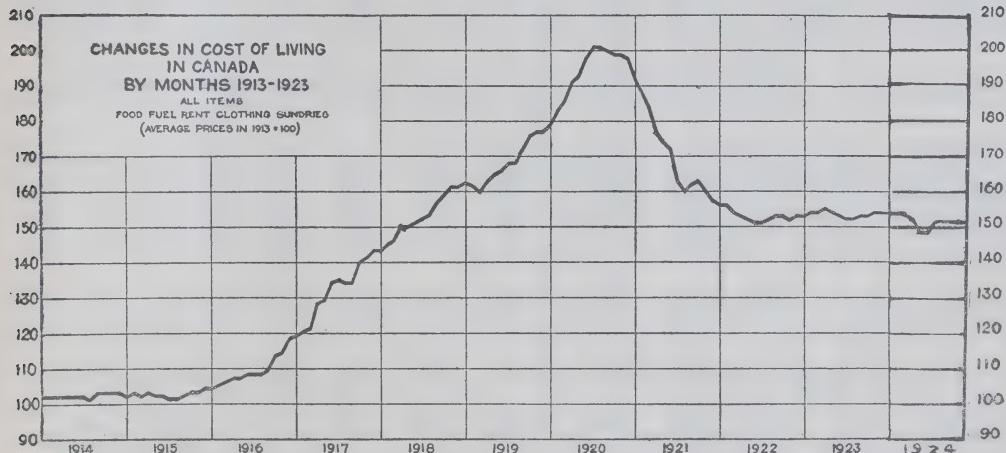
Slackness in demand for silks and relatively large stocks at New York and Yokohama depressed silk prices. Raw Silk, Japanese filature, Kansai No. 1 was \$8 per pound in January and \$6.10 in December. In June it had fallen to \$5 but recovered to some extent. Manufactured silk reflected the condition of the raw material. Machine twist silk was \$18.65 per pound in January and \$15.50 in December.

The disappearance of war stocks of wool, a consumption demand actually greater than current production and a recent considerably augmented demand from Germany, France and Japan sent wool prices to much higher levels. Eastern wool, domestic, bright ¼ blood was 33 cents per pound at Toronto in January and 44-46 cents in December. Western range wool, semi-bright, ½ blood was 37 cents in January and 46 cents in December. Serge cloth 16 ounces 64s quality was \$2.90 per yard in January at Toronto and \$3.35 in December. 14 ounces 46s cloth at mill was \$1.47½ in January and \$1.65 in December.

CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA
FROM 1913 TO 1924

(Average prices in 1913=100) *

Date	Food	Fuel	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All
Dec. 1914.....	108	98	92	110	100	102
Dec. 1915.....	111	97	84	125	105	104
Dec. 1916.....	133	110	86	143	110	119
Dec. 1917.....	167	134	94	167	145	143
Dec. 1918.....	186	163	102	198	160	162
Dec. 1919.....	201	166	117	234	180	179
July 1920.....	229	191	134	260	190	201
Dec. 1920.....	202	218	139	235	190	192
Mar. 1921.....	180	208	139	195	188	177
June 1921.....	152	197	143	173	181	163
Sept. 1921.....	161	189	145	167	170	163
Dec. 1921.....	150	187	145	158	166	156
April 1922.....	140	181	145	155	164	152
July 1922.....	140	179	146	155	164	152
Sept. 1922.....	140	189	146	155	164	152
Dec. 1922.....	141	186	146	155	164	153
April 1923.....	145	189	146	155	164	154
July 1923.....	139	182	147	155	164	152
Sept. 1923.....	142	183	147	155	164	153
Dec. 1923.....	146	185	146	155	164	154
April 1924.....	139	180	147	155	164	151
July 1924.....	135	176	147	155	164	150
Sept. 1924.....	140	176	147	155	164	151
Dec. 1924.....	144	175	146	155	164	152



Wood, Wood Products and Paper.—Lack of export demand because of adverse exchange conditions and quietness in the building industry in Canada caused lumber prices to find lower levels in 1924. Pine, good sidings, at Toronto fell from \$150 per M. board feet in January to \$140 in December. Box boards fell from \$35 to \$34. B.C. fir 2 x 4 and up 6-16 feet at Toronto was \$55 per M. board feet in January and \$46 in December. Birch C. & B. fell from \$70 to \$60 and Oak from \$140 to \$110. Spruce siding at St. John fell from \$26 to \$18. Cedar flooring at Victoria was \$47.50 per M. board feet in January and \$40 in December.

Newsprint paper because of increased production, due to new mills combined with a fairly stable demand, declined in price being \$3.75 per cwt. in January and \$3.50 in December.

Mechanical wood pulp prices, due largely to foreign competition, were on the decline during much of the year. Groundwood No. 1 was \$37.50-\$42 per ton in January and \$28-\$30 in December. Chemical pulp, unbleached sulphite, newsgrade, was more stable being \$47.50-\$60 in January and \$52-\$55 in December.

IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS.—The quietness in the construction industry and the more or less

COST PER WEEK OF A FAMILY BUDGET OF STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING AND

Commodity	Quantity	1921				1922				1923					
		Jan.		April	July	Jan.		April	July	Oct.	Jan.		April	July	Oct.
		c.	c.												
Beef, sirloin steak....	2 lbs.	71.0	70.4	70.2	60.8	54.6	57.6	64.2	58.2	53.4	54.6	59.6	58.2		
Beef, shoulder roast....	2 "	44.6	44.4	40.6	33.4	30.4	32.4	35.6	31.8	29.0	30.2	30.6	30.6		
Veal, shoulder roast....	1 "	26.9	25.2	22.0	19.7	18.9	19.0	19.1	18.7	18.3	17.9	18.3	18.5		
Mutton, leg roast....	1 "	30.8	32.0	30.3	26.3	25.6	27.4	28.0	27.2	27.2	28.1	28.2	28.0		
Pork, fresh roast, ham.....	1 "	36.0	34.8	32.9	31.5	26.7	30.0	31.8	30.0	26.7	26.0	26.6	27.2		
Pork, salt, mess.....	2 "	71.4	66.2	57.8	57.2	52.0	53.2	54.2	53.8	51.6	50.6	50.4	51.0		
Bacon, breakfast.....	1 "	58.4	53.0	48.0	46.1	39.8	41.3	42.5	41.6	40.8	40.0	39.1	39.3		
Lard, pure, leaf.....	2 "	67.8	56.0	43.2	48.2	43.4	45.0	43.6	45.4	45.6	45.0	44.8	45.8		
Eggs, fresh.....	1 doz.	85.2	40.3	38.2	50.7	71.2	33.5	33.9	41.7	63.3	36.3	31.2	44.3		
Eggs, storage.....	1 "	75.7	38.3	35.1	46.6	58.7	30.6	31.4	37.4	46.6	31.7	27.3	39.7		
Milk.....	6 qts.	93.0	89.4	78.6	80.4	79.8	74.4	69.0	69.6	71.4	70.8	69.0	70.2		
Butter, dairy, solid.....	2 lbs.	113.4	109.4	63.0	81.2	83.4	76.4	70.2	76.8	81.0	96.6	68.4	78.4		
Butter, creamery, print.....	1 "	63.6	63.9	37.2	46.8	48.6	44.9	42.0	43.0	45.5	55.3	39.3	44.2		
†Cheese, old.....	1 "	39.2	39.8	34.8	35.4	32.6	30.5	30.0	27.6	30.7	35.8	30.1	33.5		
†Cheese, new.....	1 "	37.5	38.4	28.2	32.0	29.3	28.5	26.2	27.6	30.7	35.8	30.1	33.5		
Bread, plain, white.....	15 "	132.0	127.5	121.5	118.5	105.0	105.0	105.0	102.0	100.5	100.5	100.5	102.0		
†Flour, family.....	10 "	68.0	66.0	63.0	58.0	48.0	48.0	49.0	45.0	44.0	45.0	44.0	44.0		
Rolled oats.....	5 "	36.0	32.0	30.0	30.5	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	27.5	28.0	27.5	27.5		
†Rice, good, medium.....	2 "	28.2	22.4	19.8	18.6	19.6	18.6	19.8	21.2	21.0	20.6	20.6	21.0		
Beans, handpicked.....	2 "	21.6	18.0	17.0	17.4	17.4	17.8	17.6	17.4	17.0	17.4	17.6	17.6		
Apples, evaporated.....	1 "	24.9	22.4	21.3	21.6	22.0	23.0	24.9	23.9	21.6	20.6	19.7	19.5		
Prunes, medium size.....	1 "	25.3	29.4	18.4	18.2	18.4	18.9	19.8	19.6	19.1	18.8	18.6	18.2		
Sugar, granulated.....	4 "	51.2	51.2	44.4	41.2	36.8	33.6	33.6	34.8	38.4	48.0	50.0	48.4		
Sugar, yellow.....	2 "	24.6	24.2	21.0	19.6	17.4	16.0	15.8	16.4	18.2	22.8	23.8	23.0		
†Tea, black, medium.....	1 "	14.5	14.1	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.9	14.6	14.9	16.1	16.6	17.1		
†Tea, green, medium.....	1 "	15.7	15.4	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.0	15.2	14.6	14.9	16.1	16.6	17.1		
Coffee, medium.....	4 "	14.8	14.2	13.7	13.5	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.5		
Potatoes.....	1/2 bag	75.5	48.5	35.9	64.4	52.6	49.2	43.9	40.4	39.0	40.5	52.5	52.8		
Vinegar, spirit.....	1/2 qt.	.9	.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9		
All Foods.....		\$ 14.48	\$ 12.68	\$ 10.96	\$ 11.48	\$ 11.03	\$ 10.26	\$ 10.27	\$ 10.23	\$ 10.52	\$ 10.64	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.65		
Starch, laundry.....	1/2 lb.	c. 4.9	c. 5.2	c. 4.4	c. 4.4	c. 4.2	c. 4.1	c. 4.0							
Coal, anthracite.....	1/2 ton	125.0	115.4	110.9	110.1	109.6	108.7	105.8	116.4	115.1	115.7	107.8	111.5		
Coal, bituminous.....	1/2 "	92.1	83.4	75.6	73.5	71.7	68.3	68.8	77.0	74.0	74.2	70.7	71.6		
Wood, hard.....	1/2 cord	90.5	88.6	87.4	83.6	80.2	78.1	77.0	80.3	80.6	79.9	80.2	78.6		
Wood, soft.....	1/2 "	69.0	68.8	62.5	61.1	59.8	58.1	58.5	59.4	59.4	59.5	59.0	59.2		
Coal oil.....	1 gal.	40.3	38.6	33.7	31.9	31.7	31.6	31.3	31.0	31.6	31.5	30.2	30.3		
Fuel and lighting.....		\$ 4.17	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.51		
Rent.....	1/2 mo.	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.91	\$ 6.95	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.96		
Grand Totals.....		\$ 25.30	\$ 23.31	\$ 21.53	\$ 22.01	\$ 21.52	\$ 20.66	\$ 20.67	\$ 20.87	\$ 21.13	\$ 21.21	\$ 20.65	\$ 21.16		

*The budget is intended to show the charges in the cost of the items included, not to

general dullness in business conditions which characterized 1924 was distinctly reflected in iron and steel prices. No. 1 Foundry pig iron at Montreal was \$30.95 per ton in January and \$27.70 in November. In December, however, it rose to \$30.20 per ton. Basic pig at mill was \$26 in January, \$21 in November and \$23 in December. Steel billets at Montreal were \$41.50-\$52 per ton in January, \$34-\$48 in November and \$39-\$48 in December.

NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.—The non-ferrous metal group commenced the year with a rising market. Demand was fairly

active and as stocks were not excessive prices quickly responded and rose until March. There followed a period of declining prices which lasted until July. The decline seems to have been brought about by the recovery of the French franc. German speculators in non-ferrous metals were surprised by the recovery and were forced to throw large quantities of copper, tin, lead and spelter on the market with the result that prices were considerably depressed. The depression could not last long because of the strong statistical position of lead and tin the demand for which has been tending to outstrip supply. Lead and spelter turned upward in August

RENT IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN SIXTY CITIES IN CANADA*

1924

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.
54.0	54.2	54.4	55.4	56.8	58.6	59.4	59.0	58.6	55.6	53.8	52.4
29.4	29.4	29.0	29.6	30.2	31.2	31.2	30.8	30.0	29.2	28.4	27.6
18.6	18.6	18.3	18.0	17.3	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.7	17.2
26.9	27.0	27.4	27.8	28.3	29.1	29.5	28.2	28.2	27.7	27.6	26.7
24.1	23.7	23.1	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.6	24.3	25.7	25.1	24.6	23.8
47.6	48.0	46.6	45.6	44.8	45.0	45.2	45.2	46.8	46.6	46.2	45.8
37.0	38.1	34.9	33.6	32.1	31.4	32.1	33.7	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.1
46.0	45.0	43.6	42.8	41.6	41.2	41.2	42.0	45.2	45.6	46.4	46.6
61.3	56.7	47.7	39.4	29.5	30.0	31.8	34.8	39.5	45.7	54.1	63.3
46.9	45.2	40.3	28.0	25.8	26.7	27.6	31.0	34.6	39.8	45.6	50.0
74.4	75.0	74.4	73.2	71.4	71.4	71.4	70.8	71.4	71.4	72.6	73.2
85.4	87.0	87.0	82.4	72.2	68.4	68.8	70.0	73.6	77.4	78.6	78.2
48.2	49.1	49.1	46.1	40.0	38.5	39.3	40.1	41.9	42.8	43.5	43.7
33.2	33.0	32.2	31.4	30.0	29.1	28.4	28.6	28.8	29.1	28.9	28.9
33.2	33.0	32.2	31.4	30.0	29.1	28.4	28.6	28.8	29.1	28.9	28.9
100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	103.5	106.5	106.5	109.5	111.0
42.0	42.0	42.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	43.0	46.0	49.0	49.0	51.0	52.0
27.5	27.5	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.5	28.0	28.5	30.0	30.5
20.8	21.0	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.6
17.4	17.4	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.6	16.8	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.8
18.6	18.9	18.9	18.9	19.4	19.5	19.5	20.1	19.2	19.6	19.7	19.9
17.0	16.7	16.3	15.9	16.0	16.2	15.9	16.0	15.9	15.6	15.6	15.4
48.4	47.6	48.4	47.6	46.4	42.4	40.8	40.4	40.4	41.2	39.6	38.4
23.2	22.8	23.2	22.8	22.2	20.4	19.6	19.2	19.2	19.6	19.0	18.2
17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	18.0	17.5	17.4	17.6	17.5
17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	18.0	17.5	17.4	17.6	17.5
13.4	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.8	13.9	14.3
47.8	50.3	53.7	54.0	55.9	59.9	63.9	74.5	57.6	46.5	42.9	44.3
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
\$ 10.78	\$ 10.75	\$ 10.58	\$ 10.16	\$ 9.89	\$ 9.86	\$ 9.91	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.31	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.58
c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.0	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1
111.5	110.9	110.7	108.8	105.8	104.8	104.6	104.3	104.9	103.7	104.5	104.4
70.6	70.0	69.2	68.0	66.4	65.9	66.0	65.9	65.6	65.6	65.2	64.6
79.0	78.4	78.2	78.0	77.5	77.8	78.2	78.1	77.7	77.6	77.7	78.6
57.8	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.2	57.7	57.5	57.3	57.3	57.4	57.6	57.4
30.1	30.3	30.6	30.9	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.8	30.4	30.4
\$ 3.49	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35
\$ 6.92	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.95	\$ 6.93	\$ 6.95	\$ 6.98	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.93
\$ 21.23	\$ 21.18	\$ 21.00	\$ 20.58	\$ 20.24	\$ 20.22	\$ 20.30	\$ 20.57	\$ 20.65	\$ 20.67	\$ 20.81	\$ 20.90

show the minimum cost for an average family. †Kind most sold since October, 1922.

and all four metals, lead, spelter, copper and tin, influenced by the improving business prospects closed the year strongly.

American electrolytic copper at Montreal was \$14.70 per cwt., in January and \$16.30 in December. Lead at Montreal was \$7.75 in January and \$9.95 in December.

Tin at Toronto was 51½ cents per pound in January and 57½ cents in December. Zinc spelter (American) at Montreal was \$8.05 per cwt., in January and \$9.10 in December.

Antimony affected by the unsettled conditions in China was 8½ cents per pound in January and 15½ cents in December.

Silver prices rose almost steadily until November when they declined slightly. An important factor influencing the rise was the development of a continental demand for coinage purposes indicating a movement away from the paper régime. Fine silver in British Columbia was 64½ cents per ounce in January, 71½ cents in October and 69½ cents in December.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.—Owing to the over-production of crude oil in the United States leading to an oversupply of gasoline the price of oil declined considerably. Gasoline at Toronto was 25½

COST PER WEEK OF A FAMILY BUDGET OF STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING
 FOODS

	1921				1922				1923			
	Jan.	April	July	Oct.	Jan.	April	July	Oct.	Jan.	April	July	Oct.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia.....	14.72	13.23	11.12	11.75	11.18	10.47	10.31	10.42	10.68	11.15	10.65	10.96
Prince Edward I'd.....	13.18	11.91	10.34	10.46	9.78	9.68	9.29	9.11	9.43	9.63	9.40	9.59
New Brunswick.....	14.44	13.03	11.13	11.59	11.11	10.54	9.98	10.14	10.48	10.90	10.29	10.83
Quebec.....	13.76	12.33	10.42	10.81	10.63	9.82	9.72	9.75	10.24	10.41	9.71	9.92
Ontario.....	14.39	12.63	10.74	11.48	10.88	10.20	10.28	10.14	10.45	10.59	10.08	10.69
Manitoba.....	13.94	12.43	11.04	10.79	10.87	9.92	10.02	9.72	10.16	10.06	9.53	10.14
Saskatchewan.....	14.10	12.58	10.99	11.21	11.06	9.82	9.82	9.94	10.47	10.32	10.14	10.29
Alberta.....	14.77	12.48	10.91	11.09	10.94	9.83	9.86	9.77	10.26	10.06	9.87	10.32
British Columbia.....	15.75	13.67	12.19	12.50	12.08	11.43	11.30	11.61	11.39	11.28	11.17	11.51

FUEL AND

Nova Scotia.....	3.70	3.47	3.24	3.19	3.18	3.07	2.94	3.25	3.20	3.12	3.07	3.12
Prince Edward Is'd.....	4.27	3.88	3.55	3.51	3.20	3.21	3.35	3.47	3.54	4.08	3.62	3.62
New Brunswick.....	4.12	3.95	3.72	3.65	3.44	3.30	3.22	3.23	3.30	3.33	3.33	3.26
Quebec.....	4.14	3.96	3.59	3.55	3.53	3.47	3.35	3.60	3.63	3.64	3.40	3.45
Ontario.....	4.36	4.04	3.76	3.63	3.60	3.51	3.51	3.88	3.78	3.76	3.63	3.65
Manitoba.....	4.52	4.27	4.27	4.05	3.72	3.65	3.61	3.86	3.84	3.94	3.78	3.90
Saskatchewan.....	4.15	4.16	4.09	4.07	4.04	3.96	3.96	3.77	3.72	3.81	3.87	3.79
Alberta.....	3.36	2.57	2.54	2.54	2.49	2.35	2.30	2.39	2.59	2.61	2.57	2.56
British Columbia.....	3.60	3.61	3.22	3.24	3.39	3.38	2.92	2.94	2.99	3.00	2.95	2.97

RENT

Nova Scotia.....	5.93	5.98	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	5.93	5.93	5.93	5.67	5.58	5.57
Prince Edward Is'd.....	4.25	4.25	4.50	4.50	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.88	5.87	5.88	5.88	5.88
New Brunswick.....	6.13	6.13	6.25	6.25	6.13	6.13	7.44	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.75	6.75
Quebec.....	4.64	4.83	5.33	5.33	5.29	5.42	5.57	5.48	5.58	5.57	5.76	5.76
Ontario.....	6.90	6.95	7.17	7.20	7.36	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.35	7.35	7.32	7.30
Manitoba.....	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
Saskatchewan.....	8.59	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.91	8.91	8.91	8.91	8.91
Alberta.....	7.81	7.19	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.81	7.65	7.65	7.66	7.66
British Columbia.....	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.50	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38

* Coal, wood and coal oil: no allowance is made for the varying

cents per gallon in January, 2½ cents in February and 20½ cents in December.

The quietness in the building industry was reflected in the prices of important building materials. Lime, high calcite, declined from \$9 per ton in January to \$8 in December and Portland cement from \$2.32 per barrel in January to \$1.97 in December.

CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS.—Coal tar also affected by the condition of the building industry was \$9.60 per barrel in January and \$8.50 in December. Pure white lead, ground in oil, like lead prices rose at the beginning of the year and fell until July. Unlike lead it did not recover but remained stationary for the remainder of the year. It was \$14.95 per cwt., in January, \$17.20 in March and \$13.45 from August to December.

Retail Prices and Cost of Living in Canada

As stated in the first report on prices issued by the Department, "Wholesale Prices in Canada, 1890-1909," it was intended to con-

struct a retail prices index number in order to indicate more accurately from month to month the changes in the cost of living. In the meantime, the Department began the publication in the February, 1910, issue of the LABOUR GAZETTE, of the retail prices of staple foods, coal, wood, coal oil, and rent in nearly sixty cities. These figures were averaged for each year and published in appendices to the Department's annual reviews of Wholesale Prices in Canada from 1911 to 1917.

During the investigation into the Cost of Living in Canada by the Board of Inquiry, appointed in December, 1913, statistics for this list of goods were obtained for December, 1900, and December, 1905. From these figures and from those published in the LABOUR GAZETTE for December, 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913, respectively, series of index numbers of food, and of fuel, light, and rent were calculated, the results being published in the report of the Board. Calculations were

AND RENT IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE PRICES IN EACH PROVINCE

FOODS

1924

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
11-12	11-02	10-58	10-63	10-43	10-31	10-13	10-34	10-49	10-55	10-58	10-67
9-68	9-80	9-61	9-33	9-27	9-23	9-19	9-11	9-42	9-44	9-78	9-61
11-13	10-98	10-88	10-54	10-44	10-20	10-14	10-38	10-54	10-54	10-67	10-99
10-28	10-23	10-17	9-70	9-22	9-17	9-28	9-49	9-51	9-60	9-78	9-92
10-67	10-70	10-55	10-05	9-76	9-78	9-96	10-24	10-21	10-20	10-33	10-42
10-31	10-31	10-03	9-59	9-59	9-43	9-39	9-71	9-56	9-68	9-95	10-02
10-50	10-68	10-13	9-84	9-61	9-50	9-56	9-86	10-22	10-20	10-47	10-67
10-61	10-51	10-15	9-89	9-70	9-69	9-62	10-14	10-46	10-38	10-62	10-93
11-80	11-53	11-38	11-11	10-93	10-83	10-76	11-18	11-36	11-51	10-61	11-66

LIGHT*

3-11	3-10	3-09	3-12	3-12	3-12	3-11	3-12	3-11	2-98	2-98	2-99
3-50	3-57	3-57	3-47	3-47	3-47	3-33	3-32	3-36	3-33	3-33	3-33
3-35	3-35	3-34	3-32	3-24	3-20	3-19	3-17	3-21	3-19	3-15	3-15
3-47	3-45	3-46	3-44	3-34	3-30	3-30	3-30	3-29	3-29	3-30	3-30
3-62	3-60	3-57	3-53	3-47	3-46	3-46	3-46	3-45	3-45	3-44	3-45
3-84	3-74	3-73	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-67	3-60
3-79	3-70	3-72	3-73	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-74	3-68	3-63
2-37	2-32	2-34	2-30	2-30	2-30	2-30	2-30	2-30	2-27	2-55	2-48
2-96	2-96	2-95	2-95	2-95	2-86	2-87	2-88	2-87	2-89	2-87	2-87

RENT

5-58	5-58	5-58	5-58	5-58	5-66	5-66	5-66	5-66	5-66	5-66	5-66
5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88
6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75
5-76	5-76	5-76	5-76	5-71	5-74	5-76	5-76	5-76	5-76	5-76	5-76
7-32	7-32	7-37	7-36	7-34	7-36	7-36	7-34	7-34	7-34	7-34	7-28
8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-76	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75
8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91	8-91
7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-19	7-03	7-03
6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38

extent to which these are used in the different provinces and localities.

also made of the cost of a family budget of these commodities in terms of these prices, and this calculation has been kept up to date month by month and published in the LABOUR GAZETTE each month since August, 1915.

In addition to the statistics as to retail prices of food and fuel, and as to rates for rent, the Department, since 1919, secured figures as to retail prices of staple lines of clothing, including footwear, from retail dealers throughout Canada, for the years 1913-1920. The figures relate to prices prevailing at the end of the year in each case, but since 1920 prices during the spring have been secured. From these quotations the percentages of changes in the cost of clothing have been calculated. Information was also secured as to the prices of household supplies, furniture, furnishings, etc., and an estimate has been made as to the percentage changes in the cost of miscellaneous items, the effect of the information gathered showing that such

changes are approximately equal to the average changes in other items. The percentage changes in food, fuel and rent have been calculated from the weekly budget published in the LABOUR GAZETTE from month to month, and the accompanying table summarizes the changes from year to year by groups, the figures for each group and for all items weighted according to the family budget method. This table therefore contains a tentative cost of living index number, based on prices in 1913, pending the calculation of a more complete index number in process of construction. The figures in clothing and sundries are to be regarded as merely approximate owing to difficulties in dealing with apparent changes in the grades of the items for which quotations are obtained.

The accompanying tables show the movement by commodities in terms of average prices for the Dominion and by groups for each province.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE
UNITED STATES
1913=100.

	Goods Produced	Goods Imported	Goods Exported	Raw Materials	Producers' Goods	Con- sumers' Goods	All Com- modities
1919—Jan.....	203	168	207	195	192	212	201
July.....	219	176	232	217	200	223	216
1920—Jan.....	250	212	264	245	236	257	248
July.....	258	208	256	249	251	263	254
1921—Jan.....	172	114	147	164	166	173	168
July.....	143	103	126	134	136	162	145
1922—Jan.....	139	110	139	141	127	150	142
July.....	162	128	165	177	143	163	165
1923—Jan.....	162	139	180	182	150	156	166
July.....	161	141	170	163	160	155	159
1924—Jan.....	165	143	196	169	156	160	163
Feb.....	164	148	189	169	158	157	163
Mar.....	161	145	179	166	157	154	160
April.....	159	140	182	165	155	151	158
May.....	158	133	183	163	151	151	156
June.....	157	129	179	160	147	152	154
July.....	159	132	180	163	147	154	156
Aug.....	160	139	177	164	149	156	158
Sept.....	158	143	163	161	147	156	156
Oct.....	160	146	167	165	146	158	159
Nov.....	161	150	189	165	147	162	160
Dec.....	166	149	171	171	151	165	165

UNITED STATES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GREAT
BRITAIN
1913=100.

	Goods Produced	Goods Imported	Goods Exported	Raw Materials	Producers' Goods	Con- sumers' Goods	All Com- modities
1919—Jan.....	221	244	242	210	238	241	227
July.....	240	247	265	222	269	244	242
1920—Jan.....	302	298	452	270	358	289	305
July.....	330	299	452	307	363	302	326
1921—Jan.....	252	207	246	233	231	261	244
July.....	204	184	174	192	165	222	196
1922—Jan.....	174	149	158	171	147	181	170
July.....	172	158	158	168	147	190	171
1923—Jan.....	165	164	165	167	151	175	165
July.....	169	164	173	171	153	178	168
1924—Jan.....	177	179	186	178	169	186	178
Feb.....	180	182	185	182	167	191	180
March.....	180	178	185	183	167	187	180
April.....	183	178	188	186	169	187	181
May.....	179	171	181	178	166	185	177
June.....	176	170	179	173	164	186	174
July.....	175	171	177	171	163	188	174
Aug.....	173	174	176	171	165	184	173
Sept.....	173	169	172	168	166	183	172
Oct.....	175	174	174	171	168	187	175
Nov.....	176	178	178	174	169	187	176
Dec.....	177	179	180	175	171	188	177

UNITED STATES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN FRANCE.

1913=100

	Goods Produced	Goods Imported	Goods Exported	Raw Materials	Producers' Goods	Con- sumers' Goods	All Com- modities
1920—Jan.....	436	.....	516	465	500	.....	447
July.....	519	.....	524	514	614	.....	520
1921—Jan.....	421	.....	372	415	408	.....	414
July.....	345	.....	275	336	310	.....	334
1922—Jan.....	309	.....	293	314	307	.....	306
July.....	333	.....	314	339	317	.....	328
1923—Jan.....	339	384	365	374	352	312	346
July.....	382	.....	384	417	418	.....	391
1924—Jan.....	423	548	489	459	469	416	445
Feb.....	443	595	522	478	485	453	469
Mar.....	460	598	524	483	507	474	483
April.....	418	480	434	430	446	421	428
May.....	417	481	425	430	437	425	428
June.....	431	496	445	444	450	441	442
July.....	427	503	451	447	450	430	440
Aug.....	427	511	451	456	455	419	442
Sept.....	420	516	443	464	441	402	436
Oct.....	423	534	454	469	442	411	442
Nov.....	430	542	460	477	441	425	449
Dec.....	431	544	462	480	440	424	451

UNITED STATES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA *

1913=100.

	Goods Produced	Goods Imported	Goods Exported	Raw Materials	Producers' Goods	Con- sumers' Goods	All Com- modities
1919—Jan.....	195	201	209	183	186	219	196
July.....	208	201	226	203	186	220	207
1920—Jan.....	238	245	262	231	226	255	239
July.....	274	273	295	257	274	299	274
1921—Jan.....	200	194	212	182	222	217	199
July.....	164	158	185	153	164	177	163
1922—Jan.....	143	151	139	132	147	161	144
July.....	153	165	154	143	152	171	154
1923—Jan.....	145	170	140	136	160	163	148
July.....	149	164	142	137	168	168	151
1924—Jan.....	143	166	133	128	166	166	146
Feb.....	146	167	135	131	168	168	148
Mar.....	145	165	132	129	167	168	147
April.....	141	159	130	126	164	162	143
May.....	141	159	132	127	160	162	143
June.....	143	156	138	128	157	165	145
July.....	146	156	148	133	153	163	147
Aug.....	148	157	152	134	153	169	149
Sept.....	145	155	150	133	153	162	146
Oct.....	147	157	160	137	151	161	148
Nov.....	147	160	161	137	155	161	148
Dec.....	148	159	164	139	153	163	149

UNITED STATES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN JAPAN

1913=100

	Goods Produced	Goods Imported	Goods Exported	Raw Materials	Producers' Goods	Con- sumers' Goods	All Com- modities
1921—Jan.....	177	170	175	161	192	179	176
July.....	186	140	166	141	184	197	178
1922—Jan.....	198	153	197	188	191	203	191
July.....	197	167	196	170	195	203	192
1923—Jan.....	176	175	199	178	176	174	176
July.....	184	173	192	179	176	186	182
1924—Jan.....	204	211	215	222	203	196	205
Feb.....	199	205	211	214	202	192	200
Mar.....	200	199	207	211	203	193	200
April.....	199	214	198	220	199	191	201
May.....	197	216	192	214	199	193	200
June.....	187	208	175	100	190	184	189
July.....	186	208	178	198	186	188	191
Aug.....	194	207	194	206	194	192	196

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

July, 1914=100

	Food	Rent	Clothing	Fuel and light	Other	Cost of living
1916—Jan.	145		145			135
July	161		165			145-150
1917—Jan.	187		190			165
July	204		220			180
1918—Jan.	206		270			185-190
July	210		340			200-205
1919—Jan.	230		360			220
July	209		360			205-210
1920—Jan.	236	110	300-400	185		225
July	258	115-120	430	230	220	252
1921—Jan.	278	142	390	240	230	265
July	220	145	290	260	210	219
1922—Jan.	185	155	250	220-225	200	192
July	180	153	240	190	195	184
1923—Jan.	175	150	225	185-190	185	178
July	162	147	220	180-185	185	169
1924—Jan.	175	147	220-225	185	180	177
Feb.	177	147	220-225	185-190	180	179
Mar.	176	147	225	185-190	180	178
April	167	147	225	190	180	173
May	163	147	225	190	180	171
June	160	147	225	185	180	169
July	162	147	225	185	180	170
Aug.	164	147	225	180-185	180	171
Sept.	166	147	225-230	185	180	173
Oct.	172	147	225-230	185	180	176
Nov.	179	147	225-230	185	180	180
Dec.	180	147	225-230	185	180	181

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GREAT BRITAIN

BOARD OF TRADE

1913=100

	Cereals	Meat and fish	Other foods	Total food	Iron and steel	Other metals and miner- als	Cotton	Other text- iles	Other articles	Total non- food	All articles
1920—Jan.	242.8	259.2	264.6	255.7	295.9	232.8	539.8	420.2	270.6	321.6	296.6
July	281.6	268.3	282.9	277.7	387.1	261.0	518.8	353.0	271.2	340.5	316.9
1921—Jan.	245.7	284.1	245.4	257.3	317.7	213.3	224.2	218.7	219.8	239.8	245.9
July	202.3	213.0	215.5	210.5	202.0	184.8	180.2	159.1	193.0	185.6	194.1
1922—Jan.	149.5	175.7	182.3	169.2	146.6	148.8	180.4	167.4	172.6	161.2	164.0
July	156.2	169.9	180.9	169.3	136.9	138.3	191.4	166.0	163.5	155.6	160.3
1923—Jan.	140.7	175.2	156.1	156.8	134.0	138.3	194.5	175.5	168.8	157.2	157.0
July	138.9	147.5	175.1	153.9	148.0	139.3	188.2	166.3	160.7	157.8	156.5
1924—Jan.	145.3	160.0	185.8	163.7	148.9	143.3	236.1	180.4	156.9	166.3	165.4
Feb.	151.0	155.0	194.7	166.9	147.5	149.2	226.9	184.2	158.3	167.0	167.0
Mar.	148.8	141.8	195.6	161.7	146.6	153.7	220.8	190.0	156.1	167.3	165.4
April	145.3	143.2	185.5	158.0	146.4	152.8	231.9	191.9	155.0	168.4	164.7
May	145.6	147.0	183.5	158.8	145.9	145.2	233.4	190.9	154.3	166.3	163.7
June	146.3	149.5	181.6	159.3	144.0	141.4	231.7	187.8	154.7	164.4	162.6
July	154.3	146.4	179.3	160.3	142.6	140.6	228.2	188.7	155.4	163.6	162.6
Aug.	166.6	153.2	175.9	165.5	141.4	140.1	230.2	196.0	157.6	164.9	165.2
Sept.	175.3	159.0	177.4	170.7	140.6	139.6	218.9	206.2	158.8	164.7	166.9
Oct.	187.4	159.8	190.7	179.3	137.8	139.2	223.7	209.4	159.9	165.1	170.0
Nov.	182.2	165.5	182.2	176.8	136.6	140.6	225.6	213.6	161.1	166.1	169.8
Dec.	181.5	165.3	180.8	176.0	136.1	141.8	226.3	214.7	162.9	166.9	170.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

1913=100

—	Food	Clothing	Housing	Fuel and light	Furniture	Miscel- laneous	All
1914—Dec.....	105.0	101.0	100.0	101.0	104.0	103.0	103.0
1915—Dec.....	105.0	104.7	101.5	101.0	110.6	107.4	105.1
1916—Dec.....	126.0	120.0	102.3	108.4	127.8	113.3	118.3
1917—Dec.....	157.0	149.1	100.1	124.1	150.6	140.5	142.4
1918—Dec.....	187.0	205.3	109.2	147.9	213.6	165.8	174.4
1919—June.....	184.0	214.5	114.2	145.6	225.1	173.2	177.3
Dec.....	197.0	268.7	125.3	156.8	263.5	190.2	199.3
1920—June.....	219.0	287.5	134.9	171.9	292.7	201.4	216.5
Dec.....	178.0	253.5	151.1	194.9	285.4	208.2	200.4
1921—May.....	144.7	222.6	159.0	181.6	247.7	208.8	180.4
Dec.....	149.9	184.4	161.4	181.1	218.0	206.8	174.3
1922—June.....	141.0	172.3	160.9	174.2	202.9	201.5	166.6
Dec.....	146.6	171.5	161.9	186.4	208.2	200.5	169.5
1923—June.....	144.3	174.9	163.4	180.6	222.2	200.3	169.7
Dec.....	150.3	176.3	166.5	184.0	222.4	201.7	173.2
1924—Mar.....	143.7	175.9	167.0	182.3	221.3	201.1	170.4
June.....	142.4	174.2	168.0	176.7	216.0	201.1	169.1
Sept.....	146.8	172.5	167.8	179.1	214.9	201.1	170.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES

(UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS)

1913=100

—	Farm Products	Foods	Cloths and Clothing	Fuel and Lighting	Metals and Metal Products	Building Materials	Chemicals and Drugs	House furnish- ing Goods	Miscel- laneous	All
1914—Jan.....	103	101	99	99	83	93	98	100	94	98
July.....	103	99	99	91	83	92	95	100	93	97
1915—Jan.....	104	106	94	87	82	88	108	99	99	98
July.....	104	104	96	81	105	94	130	100	94	100
1916—Jan.....	110	109	110	113	133	110	184	103	110	113
July.....	117	117	125	121	158	120	175	107	120	123
1917—Jan.....	152	140	158	171	198	138	173	118	149	153
July.....	196	189	181	176	292	168	205	129	163	188
1918—Jan.....	211	182	201	164	183	161	223	137	145	184
July.....	217	185	238	175	189	177	209	159	159	196
1919—Jan.....	224	203	220	178	175	176	181	167	166	199
July.....	241	210	262	181	160	209	167	183	177	212
1920—Jan.....	247	231	339	194	175	274	189	239	194	233
July.....	233	238	300	259	202	269	212	275	203	241
1921—Jan.....	143	162	196	247	153	192	153	217	154	170
July.....	119	141	172	186	124	160	129	180	123	141
1922—Jan.....	122	131	176	195	112	157	124	178	117	138
July.....	135	142	180	254	121	170	121	173	114	155
1923—Jan.....	143	141	196	218	133	188	131	184	124	156
July.....	135.1	141.3	193.1	183.0	145.3	189.7	128.5	186.7	120.7	150.6
1924—Jan.....	144	143	200	169	142	181	132	176	117	151
Feb.....	143	143	196	180	143	182	131	176	113	152
March.....	137	141	191	181	144	182	130	175	113	150
April.....	139	137	189	179	139	182	128	175	113	148
May.....	136.4	136.6	186.8	177.3	134.5	180.3	127.3	172.5	112.4	146.9
June.....	134.0	135.6	187.2	174.7	132.2	172.7	126.6	171.8	111.1	144.6
July.....	140.9	138.7	187.5	173.2	130.4	168.8	126.5	170.8	112.4	147.0
Aug.....	145.3	144.0	189.9	169.7	130.4	169.2	130.1	171.0	115.0	149.7
Sept.....	143.1	147.7	186.5	168.0	128.2	170.7	130.6	171.1	115.8	148.8
Oct.....	149.2	151.6	188.4	162.1	127.2	170.7	132.2	171.0	119.8	151.9
Nov.....	149.5	153.8	190.4	162.8	128.7	171.6	134.0	172.0	122.9	152.7
Dec.....	156.7	157.9	191.4	164.6	132.9	175.1	134.6	172.4	128.6	157.0

INDEX NUMBER OF COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE, (PARIS)
(General Statistical Office)

1914=100.

	Food	Heat and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All
1st half, 1919.....	260	164	100	296	228	238
1st quarter, 1920.....	306	200	100	405	356	295
3rd " 1920.....	358	349	100	518	510	363
1st " 1921.....	350	319	100	398	510	338
3rd " 1921.....	310	307	121	318	400	295
1st " 1922.....	301	302	140	312	400	291
3rd " 1922.....	288	291	175	326	400	289
1st " 1923.....	332	308	200	356	400	324
3rd " 1923.....	333	340	200	385	400	331
1st " 1924.....	378	356	200	412	440	365
2nd " 1924.....	377	350	200	420	440	366
3rd " 1924.....	373	360	200	404	440	367
4th " 1924.....						

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY

FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE
1913-14=100*

Date	Food	Heat and light	Rent	Clothing	All
1920—July.....	1267				1065
1921—Jan.....	1423				1179
July.....	1491	1279	209		1250
1922—Jan.....	2463	2094	236		2041
July.....	6836	5939	343	8016	5392
1923—Jan.....	136600	161200	3800	168200	112027
July.....	4651000	3690400	71400	6648800	3765100
1924—Jan.....	127	163	29	151	110
Feb.....	117	155	34	147	104
Mar.....	120	151	38	149	107
April.....	123	148	53	154	112
May.....	126	147	55	158	115
June.....	120	146	57	155	112
July.....	126	143	68	145	116
Aug.....	122	141	70	142	114
Sept.....	125	140	70	144	116
Oct.....	134	136	73	146	122
Nov.....	135	135	74	148	123
Dec.....					

*Paper money prices, 1920 to 1923, inclusive; 1924 prices in gold.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GERMANY

FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

1913=100†

	Cereals and potatoes	Fats sugar, meat and fish	Colonial pro- ducts, hops	Hides and leather	Textiles	Metals and petro- leum	Coal and iron	Foods	Indus- trial materi- als	Goods pro- duced	Goods import- ed	All
1920—Jan.....	804	1366	1939	2802	3698	1904	1003			961	2731	1256
July.....	979	1531	1498	1931	2540	1856	1643			1260	1898	1366
1921—Jan.....	1043	1984	1256	2042	2258	1735	1587	1277	1743	1362	1823	1439
July.....	1096	1633	1447	1914	1985	1581	1740	1245	1769	1369	1721	1428
1922—Jan.....	3363	3555	4819	4668	5939	4313	3307	3509	3955	3383	5075	3665
July.....	9332	8682	13076	12667	17002	10332	9646	9442	11211	9300	13854	10059
1923—Jan.....	208550	264230	459330	513050	531960	405100	283110	238990	352290	239010	475830	278480
July.....	*64133	62699*	79380*	101999*	113689*	102594*	85503*	64856*	93351*	69695*	100244*	74787*
1924—Jan.....	81·8	140·5	190·0	140·3	185·0	112·3	139·7	103·0	144·1	108·3	162·5	117·3
Feb.....	79·6	128·0	221·9	149·4	191·7	119·2	137·3	100·8	145·0	104·1	176·3	116·2
Mar.....	85·6	131·4	231·2	152·9	197·1	125·3	138·2	106·4	147·4	108·2	182·8	120·7
April.....	91·4	128·9	228·1	149·1	209·4	123·5	141·0	109·7	150·9	111·7	185·6	124·1
May.....	91·0	126·4	195·8	126·8	211·6	117·0	145·1	106·6	152·2	112·2	173·8	122·5
June.....	84·2	114·2	180·9	115·1	204·1	113·5	144·5	97·9	149·6	106·1	165·0	115·9
July.....	90·1	117·2	172·8	106·1	193·7	114·1	131·7	102·2	139·1	106·4	158·3	115·0
Aug.....	98·7	131·3	164·9	109·7	192·9	118·4	129·5	110·9	138·2	113·0	157·4	120·4
Sept.....	110·7	138·7	161·3	123·6	192·5	119·2	129·0	120·7	138·5	120·8	157·7	126·9
Oct.....	119·8	146·6	165·3	125·3	197·3	119·9	121·9	129·2	134·9	125·2	160·9	131·2
Nov.....	113·0	142·6	169·8	134·7	204·5	125·3	121·7	123·9	137·1	120·8	167·1	128·5
Dec.....												

†Paper money prices, 1920 to 1923, inclusive; 1924 prices in gold. *For July, 1923, figures 00 omitted.

INDEX NUMBERS OF THE COST OF LIVING IN INDIA, (BOMBAY)
 (LABOUR OFFICE, GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY)
 July, 1914=100

			Food	Fuel and Light	Clothing	House Rent	All
1919—July.....			187	146	303	165	186
1920—July.....			188	151	313	165	190
1921—Jan.....			163	192	269	165	169
July.....			174	176	263	165	177
1922—Jan.....			169	172	258	165	173
July.....			160	167	260	165	165
1923—Jan.....			151	167	225	165	156
July.....			148	165	205	165	153
1924—Jan.....			154	161	224	165	158
Feb.....			151	161	229	165	156
March.....			147	163	229	165	153
April.....			143	163	230	165	150
May.....			143	166	227	165	150
June.....			147	166	227	165	153
July.....			151	166	229	165	156
Aug.....			156	166	231	165	160
Sept.....			156	166	229	165	160
Oct.....			156	167	224	165	160
Nov.....			157	167	214	165	161
Dec.....							

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN INDIA
 LABOUR OFFICE, GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
 July, 1914=100

	Cereals	Pulses	Sugar	Other Food	Total Food	Oil Seeds	Raw Cotton	Cotton Manufactures	Other Textiles	Hides and Skins	Metals	Other Raw and Mid. Articles	Total Non-Food	General Average
1920—January.....	184	178	323	202	215	210	202	312	153	196	297	200	241	231
July.....	151	145	452	181	216	171	144	318	179	164	288	208	222	220
1921—January.....	158	160	306	146	185	138	120	274	163	148	233	216	195	191
July.....	186	151	234	185	191	171	137	269	138	156	244	206	203	199
1922—January.....	182	175	210	190	188	182	166	258	187	167	199	196	190	190
July.....	170	134	220	228	188	151	196	255	192	142	177	188	188	188
1923—January.....	125	102	202	305	173	130	200	227	191	165	194	148	179	177
July.....	127	90	215	317	178	132	217	211	196	139	182	140	170	173
1924—January.....	127	92	244	340	188	138	273	236	182	157	166	160	189	188
February.....	125	88	236	348	187	136	248	234	173	158	174	160	188	188
March.....	123	84	220	263	165	129	244	238	235	140	171	164	190	181
April.....	122	84	217	279	167	127	258	237	229	146	169	170	192	184
May.....	125	88	212	293	171	131	258	236	191	149	168	166	187	181
June.....	131	92	213	293	175	137	259	236	201	149	170	158	190	185
July.....	143	98	211	260	174	150	265	232	187	150	166	166	189	184
August.....	146	97	198	262	173	146	260	235	203	150	170	161	190	184
September.....	142	95	197	250	168	148	260	232	181	145	169	167	188	181
October.....	141	95	196	263	170	154	260	223	178	156	167	161	186	181
November.....														
December.....														

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	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Miscellaneous	All
1915—August.....	1133	1016	1017	1091	1065	1082
1916—August.....	1200	1008	1160	1279	1221	1168
1917—August.....	1274	1024	1293	1529	1438	1282
1918—August.....	1408	1061	1343	1816	1753	1440
1919—February.....	1422	1070	1410	2090	1946	1525
August.....	1463	1087	1501	2184	1997	1573
1920—February.....	1596	1118	1625	2413	2189	1706
August.....	1714	1147	1830	2548	2317	1815
1921—February.....	1751	1195	1907	2522	2425	1855
August.....	1626	1286	1982	2288	2343	1782
1922—February.....	1448	1318	1924	2002	2209	1650
August.....	1413	1365	1780	1882	2016	1590
1923—February.....	1396	1437	1735	1799	1930	1571
August.....	1430	1498	1730	1773	1861	1584
1924—February.....	1486	1563	1822	1733	1866	1621
August.....	1463	1616	1739	1687	1799	1602



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